

	Health and Wellbeing Board 14 January 2021
Title	Draft Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2021-25
Report of	Director of Public Health and Prevention
Wards	All.
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Enclosures	Appendix I: Draft Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2021-2025 (Jan 2021) Appendix II: Healthwatch Community Engagement report draft Appendix III: Barnet Community Innovation Fund ICP
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Summary

This report provides an update to the Board on the progress of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS) 2021-25 since reported to the Board in October 2020.

Since that update, further development has taken place on the draft strategy document. The draft document has been redesigned to better suit its content and now provides more context on the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on the progression of strategic priorities.

Appendix I provides the emerging draft strategy document with the three Key Areas further developed and the draft implementation plan that accompanies the document.

Appendix II provides the preliminary findings of engagement from Healthwatch Barnet on our health and wellbeing priorities and the impact of COVID-19.

Appendix III provides an update on Barnet Community Fund – Key Area three of the Strategy.

Recommendations

- 1. That the Board review the draft strategy and provide feedback on its content.**

2. That the Board note the preliminary findings of the engagement conducted by Healthwatch Barnet.

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 Producing a JHWS is a statutory duty of the Health and Wellbeing Board. With the current strategy extended to March 2021, the Public Health team in collaboration with partners are producing a new strategy for 2021 to 2025. Following on from the previous JHWS report to the HWBB this report provides an update to the progress of developing a strategy and presents engagement activities that have been conducted since the board last met in October 2020.
- 1.2 Since the last update the draft strategy document has been further developed and this update provides an opportunity for board to shape the draft document as we progress towards developing a final version of the document in March.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Developing a new JHWS is one of our key priorities and a statutory duty even during this unprecedented period of COVID-19 Pandemic. These recommendations give the HWBB oversight of the JHWS development thus far and provide opportunities for the Board to shape this work. This update is also an opportunity to share an update on part of the engagement activities that have taken place that relate to the strategy development and gather valuable insight on the impact of COVID-19.
- 2.2 This paper includes the updated draft strategy document and preliminary findings from engagement by Healthwatch Barnet.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 Alternative options were not considered.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 The Public Health team and partners will continue to work to finalise the draft strategy document and collate the findings from engagement activities. The next stage of this process will be to bring a final JHWS 2021-25 to the board in March for approval to implement from March 2021 onwards.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

- 5.1.1 The purpose of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy is to improve the health and wellbeing of the local community and reduce inequalities for all ages. Priorities articulated in the Strategy will link to the refreshed Corporate Plan, Barnet 2024.

5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

- 5.2.1 Development of the JHWS will need to be affordable and funded within the

existing budget and staffing from the (non-Covid-19) PH Grant.

5.3 **Social Value**

5.3.1 Not applicable

5.4 **Legal and Constitutional References**

5.4.1 Developing a JHWS is a statutory responsibility of the Health and Wellbeing Board, as set out in the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (as amended by the Health and Social Care Act 2012).

The requirements of the Equality act 2010, and in particular the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) under s149 apply when drafting the JHWS.

The PSED requires that public bodies have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Equality Act 2010;
- Advance equality of opportunity between people from different groups; and
- Foster good relations between people from different groups.

5.4.2 Article 7 Committees, Forums, Working Groups and Partnerships of the Council's Constitution sets out the terms of reference of the Health and Wellbeing Board which includes:

- To jointly assess the health and social care needs of the population with NHS commissioners, and apply the findings of a Barnet joint strategic needs assessment (JSNA) to all relevant strategies and policies.
- To promote partnership and, as appropriate, integration, across all necessary areas, including the use of joined-up commissioning plans across the NHS, social care and public health. To explore partnership work across North Central London where appropriate
- To work together to ensure the best fit between available resources to meet the health and social care needs of the population of Barnet (including children), by both improving services for health and social care and helping people to move as close as possible to a state of complete physical, mental and social wellbeing.
- Specific responsibilities for overseeing public health and developing further health and social care integration

5.5 **Risk Management**

5.5.1 Due to unpredicted nature of COVID-19 Pandemic, it is possible that the Strategy will not be finalised by March 2021. In order to mitigate those risks, development of the Strategy has started early, and sufficient time has been allocated to develop the Strategy, within limited capacity and resources that may be diverted to respond to the Pandemic.

5.6 **Equalities and Diversity**

5.6.1 A whole systems approach to prevention and health and care integration focus on health inequalities which persist amongst groups with protected characteristics. By consulting and engaging with appropriate communities and stakeholders, it is expected that a whole systems approach to prevention will

prevent unintended harms against marginalised groups and promote health equity. As COVID-19 pandemic has shone a further light on disproportionality of the health outcomes amongst various groups, reviewed Health and Wellbeing Strategy process will include an engagement with diverse communities with a particular focus on Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic Groups.

5.7 Corporate Parenting

- 5.7.1 Whilst there is no direct impact on the council's corporate parenting role as a result of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy development, the objectives set out in the strategy do provide opportunities to support the council's role as corporate parent through the health and wellbeing improvement interventions for children and young people residing in the borough.

5.8 Consultation and Engagement

- 5.8.1 Once the draft strategy has been approved by the Board in January 2021, a six-week consultation period will take place. Within this period residents and stakeholders will be asked to complete an online survey to provide feedback on the JHWS that will be then reflected in the final version.
- 5.8.2 The council engaged with residents via a Coronavirus Residents' Survey which was open from 19th October until the 6th December 2020. The purpose of this survey was to understand the impact of coronavirus on local people and any current and future needs that may arise so we can plan accordingly. The findings are to be reported at a later date.
- 5.8.3 Healthwatch Barnet have been commissioned to provide focused engagement with residents on their health and wellbeing. This project is linked to determining the impact of COVID-19 and residents' views on health and wellbeing. This project is still ongoing with preliminary findings reported in appendix II.

5.9 Insight

- 5.9.1 Not applicable

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 6.1 Update on Joint Health and Strategy developments 2021-25 Available at: <https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s60298/Update%20on%20JHWS%20Oct%20HWBB%20Report.pdf>