

Report for: Health and Wellbeing Board – 4 November 2020

Title: Strategic Theme: Health in All Policies

Report

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1. Describe the issue under consideration

1.1 The Public Health team incorporated 'Health in All Policies' (HiAP) into their work programme a few years ago to support population-level policy to tackle health inequalities and reduce the life expectancy gap in Haringey.

1.2 The primary focus was to:

- Create Healthier High Streets by maximising planning and licensing powers;
- Support the development of the Local Development Management Plan; and
- Support the development of policies with a focus on lifestyle and in particular smoking and alcohol.

1.3 A lot of good evidence-based work is taking place, but strategic partnership oversight is not there at present (see attached presentation).

2. Recommendations

2.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:

- (a) Establish a strategic partnership forum to take this forward like the Start Well, Live Well and Age Well group;
- (b) Establish a small senior strategic group to look at Health in All Policies and how we embed this in the work of the Health and Wellbeing Board;
- (c) Develop some key outcomes through this strategic group – e.g. improving environments around school, improving air quality, improving health outcomes for parks and green spaces and influencing the quality of housing and developments.

3. Background Information

3.1 The challenge of addressing health inequalities in the gap in life expectancy and the main diseases that contribute to this: heart disease, diabetes, stroke and cancer are socially complex, multi-causal, have no single solution and cannot be solved by any one agency.

- 3.2 Including a HiAP approach to tackling health inequalities in the gap in life expectancy is to therefore normalise good health and increase healthy life expectancy.
- 3.3 Over the last few years, the public health team has focussed on key policy areas, Planning, Regeneration, Environments and Transport. Further HiAP has been embedded through specific public health issues e.g. obesity, tobacco, and physical activity.
- 3.4 There have been several successes and good partnership working across the council and with partner agencies, however, partnership oversight not there at present.

4. Contribution to strategic outcomes

- 4.1 There are strong links to delivery of Haringey's Borough Plan and to the NHS Long Term Plan.

5. Statutory Officer Comments (Legal and Finance)

5.1 Legal

There are no legal implications arising from the recommendations in the report. The Board's function and operating principles includes advancing the health and wellbeing of residents of the borough and reducing health inequalities.

5.2 Finance

There are no direct resource implications for this paper to strengthen the strategic integration of Health in All Policies (HiAP). Financial implications of the impact any decisions made as a result will be managed and reported through the Council's established budget monitoring procedures.

6. Environmental Implications

- 6.1 Taking a HiAP approach to support population-level policy improves the environment for residents and therefore their physical and mental health. Areas include air quality, increasing cycling and walking, improving and increasing green spaces.

7. Resident and Equalities Implications

- 7.1 Engaging residents in the HiAP work leads to better plans, more tailored to our local communities' needs. Successes to date include the Schools Superzones. We will continue to work with residents.

8. Use of Appendices

8.1 None

9. Background Papers

9.1 None