

Committee(s):	Date(s):
Health and Wellbeing Board	04 03 2013
Subject: Health and Wellbeing Board Response to the City of London Draft Local Plan	Public
Report of: Interim Director of Community and Children's Services	For Decision
<p>Summary</p> <p>The draft Local Plan sets out the City Corporation's vision, strategy, objectives and policies for planning the City of London. It is currently undergoing a period of consultation, before a final version of the plan is prepared and published in autumn 2013. Responses to the consultation are due on 11th March.</p> <p>As the Local Plan will have an impact on health and wellbeing in the City, it was identified by the chairman that the Health and Wellbeing Board should respond to the consultation. A draft response was been prepared for the Board to approve. The draft was developed by the City and Hackney Public Health Directorate with input from primary care commissioning, City and Hackney Clinical Commissioning Group, the Commissioning Support Unit and the NHS Healthy Urban Development Unit. The response has been developed using the Healthy Urban Development Unit (HUDU)'s <i>Watch Out for Health</i> Impact Assessment Tool.</p> <p>The collated response includes a series of recommendations for ameliorating some of the negative health and wellbeing effects of the plan; as well as improving the contribution of positive aspects. This is attached as appendix 1.</p> <p>Recommendation(s)</p> <p>Members are asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endorse the response and its recommendations. 	

Main Report

Background

1. The Local Plan sets out the City Corporation's vision, strategy, objectives and policies for planning the City of London. It provides a spatial framework that brings together and co-ordinates a range of strategies prepared by the City Corporation, its partners and other agencies and authorities. It includes policies for deciding development

proposals. It takes account of projected changes in the economy, employment, housing need, transport demand, and seeks to maintain the quality of the City's environment and its historic heritage. It provides the strategy and policies for shaping the City until 2026 and beyond.

2. The draft Local Plan is currently undergoing a period of consultation, before a final version of the Local Plan is prepared and published in autumn 2013. As the Local Plan will have an impact on health and wellbeing in the City, it was identified by the chairman that the Health and Wellbeing Board should respond to the consultation, and that the following approach should be taken:
 - An assessment of the Local Plan, using the Healthy Urban Development Unit (HUDU)'s *Watch Out for Health* Impact Assessment Tool
 - Gathering additional views from HUDU, the NHS National Commissioning Board (NCB), City and Hackney Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and the Commissioning Support Unit (CSU) on the response.
3. Health Impact Assessment (HIA) is a process for evaluating the potential health effects of a plan, policy or project before it is undertaken. HIA is used for bringing health considerations to issues that are outside the medical sphere, but which have impacts upon the wider social determinants of health, for example, transportation and land use. An HIA can provide recommendations for improving the positive health impacts of a plan or policy, and ameliorating potential negative impacts. Although the Local Plan has undergone a sustainability appraisal that includes health impact assessment, which is carried out by the planning team and audited by external planning consultants, there is no legally defined process on how to carry this out, so there may be significant variation between impact assessments carried out by people in different professional roles.

Current Position

4. An assessment using the Healthy Urban Development Unit (HUDU)'s *Watch Out for Health* Impact Assessment Tool has been rapidly conducted, to scope health and wellbeing issues that would be positively or negatively impacted upon by the City of London's draft Local Plan.
5. The response was contributed to by the Healthy Urban Development Unit; the Commission Support Unit; and the Clinical Commissioning Group. Although views from the National Commissioning Board were sought, they have not been forthcoming.
6. The collated response document includes the *Watch Out for Health* assessment and the responses from stakeholders, as well as a series

of recommendations for ameliorating some of the negative health and wellbeing effects of the plan; as well as improving the contribution of positive aspects. This is attached as appendix 1.

Conclusion

7. The City of London's Local Plan has the potential to have intense positive and negative health and wellbeing impacts for City communities.
8. Once the response is endorsed by the City's Health and Wellbeing Board it will be submitted to the City of London's planning Department, where it will inform the formal consultation.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Response to the City of London's Draft Local Plan

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