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# Summary

This report presents the City of London Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy which was approved by the Health and Wellbeing Board on 27 January 2017.

The strategy sets out the City of London Health and Wellbeing Board's commitment to improving the health of City residents, workers and rough sleepers. The priorities are:

- Priority 1: Good mental health for all
- Priority 2: A healthy urban environment
- Priority 3: Effective health and social care integration
- Priority 4: Children have the best start in life
- Priority 5: Promoting healthy behaviours

#### Recommendation

Members of the Port Health and Environmental Services Committee are asked to:

Note the content of this report and its implications for your Committee.

# **Main Report**

# **Background**

- The Health and Social Care Act 2012 requires Health and Wellbeing Boards to produce a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS).
- 2. Although local authorities are required to provide certain mandated public health functions under the Act, such as the National Child Measurement Programme, the majority of public health functions are non-mandated, and levels of provision must be determined locally, according to need.
- 3. The City and Hackney Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and the JSNA City Supplement pull together data from a range of sources to describe the health

needs of the different population groups in the City and make a number of key recommendations for service provision based on the level of need. JSNA findings form the evidence base for this strategy and enable us to understand the particular health problems faced by people in the Square Mile.

- 4. The strategy also draws upon existing local strategies and plans, such as the City Corporation's Corporate Strategy and City and Hackney Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)'s strategic vision. There has been consultation with a range of stakeholders, including a series of local events and engagement with residents and workers in the City of London which were used to shape the priorities within this strategy.
- 5. The strategy was subject to a six week consutation period which received 27 responses from residents, workers, service providers, organisations and teams within the City of London Corporation. The consultation found that most respondents agreed with the five priorities. There was, however, some concern around priority five (promoting healthy behaviours) being restricting of personal choice. Air quality in the Square Mile, and how it is being tackled, was the primary focus of responses.
- 6. The Health and Wellbeing Board approved the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy at its meeting on 27 January.

### **Proposals**

- 7. The JHWS covers the three year period from 2017/18 to 2020/21. The strategy will be refreshed annually to reflect the changes that have taken place over the year, and to ensure the City is compliant with its statutory obligations.
- 8. The strategy identifies the following priorities to improve health and wellbeing in the City of London:
  - Priority 1: Good mental health for all
  - Priority 2: A healthy urban environment (more detail below)
  - Priority 3: Effective health and social care integration
  - Priority 4: Children have the best start in life
  - Priority 5: Promoting healthy behaviours
- 9. They provide a more rationalised list under which the priorities and actions carried forward from the last strategy and the needs identified by the JSNA sit.
- 10. An accompanying action plan with key performace indicators for specific areas under each priority will be developed and the Health and Wellbeing Board will monitor the progress of indicators every 6 months.
- 11. This strategy is not a stand-alone document and will support and offer direction to a number of complimentary strategies which focus on specific areas of improving health and wellbeing in the City. These include the strategies listed below:
  - CCG Commissioning Strategy

- Mental Health Strategy
- Children and Young People's Plan
- Homelessness Strategy
- Carers' Strategy
- Air quality Strategy\*
- Noise Strategy\*
- Suicide Prevention Action Plan
- Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy

### **Priority 2: A healthy urban environment**

- 12. Of particular interest to this committee will be the second priority of the strategy a healthy urban environment. This was developed following initial engagement with the public which revealed air quality to be top of the list of health concerns in the City and in recognition of the strong evidence that the environment shapes health outcomes.
- 13. This priority aims to create a healthy place for people who live, work in and visit the City of London by considering health in all policy and decision making areas within the City Corporation. Health in All Policies (HiAP) is a collaborative approach to improving the health of all people by incorporating health considerations into decision-making across sectors and policy areas. The strategy aims to create a healthier environment with healthy food and drink options, particularly in those areas in which residents live and that are more deprived.
- 14. In order to achieve this the Health and Wellbeing Board will:
  - Ensure health and wellbeing issues are embedded into the Local Plan and major planning applications
  - Tackle unhealthy environments by delivering improved infrastructure for safe active travel and by providing easy access to healthy and affordable food in the local area
  - Encourage retailers of healthy food in under-served, low-income neighbourhoods and/or to encourage existing retailers to offer more healthy products
  - Introduce voluntary smoking bans in areas where more vulnerable people congregate for example outside schools
  - Oversee the implementation of the Air Quality Strategy and support the implementation of low emission neighbourhoods
  - Oversee the implementation of the Noise Strategy.

# **Corporate & Strategic Implications**

15. The Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy is a statutory document that supports the City of London Corporate Plans aims to provide modern, efficient and high quality local services within the Square Mile for workers, residents and visitors

<sup>\*</sup> Strategies overseen by the Port Health & Environmental Services Committee

- and to provide valued services, such as education, employment, culture and leisure, to London and the nation.
- 16. It also supports the following priority from the Department of Community and Children's Services Business Plan: Priority Two Health and Wellbeing: Promoting the health and well-being of all City residents and workers and improving access to health services in the Square Mile.

### **Health Implications**

17. The Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy will have a positive impact on health and wellbeing in the City of London.

#### Conclusion

- 18. The City of London has a statutory requirement to produce a Joint Health and Wellbing Strategy which outlines commitment to improving the health of City residents, workers and rough sleepers.
- 19. Port Health and Environmental Services Members are asked to note the content of this report and also note that the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy set out in Appendix One can help the Committee work together with other parts of the Corporation to improve health and wellbeing across the Square Mile.

# **Appendices**

Appendix One – Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy

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