

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Dated:</b>
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<b>Report of:</b> Director of Public Health	<b>For decision</b>
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### Summary

This appendix attached to this paper sets out the draft City response to the “Mayor of London - Better Health for all Londoners” London Health Inequalities Strategy consultation.

### Recommendation

Members are asked to:

- Approve the City response and consider the opportunities for the City of London to take action.

### Main Report

#### Background

1. The Mayor’s Health Inequalities Strategy consultation launched on 23 August 2017 for a period of 3 months to November 30<sup>th</sup> (<https://www.london.gov.uk/health-strategy>). The health inequalities strategy is one of seven strategies that the Mayor of London is mandated by Parliament to develop.
2. London has the widest health inequalities in England. The Mayor’s Strategy draws attention to the fact that how long Londoners can expect to live in good health varies enormously across the Capital according to deprivation. The overarching aim of the strategy is to end this unfair inequality whilst also improving the overall health of all Londoners

#### Current Position

3. The aims of the Mayor’s London Health Inequalities Strategy are outlined across five key themes: Healthy Children, Healthy Minds, Healthy Places, Healthy Communities and Healthy Habits. These areas were agreed through early engagement with a wide range of stakeholders.
4. Meeting the challenges set out in the strategy will require more than any one organisation can achieve in isolation. The strategy therefore goes beyond the statutory duty of the Mayor and provides an opportunity for different London partners to combine their activities, to reduce health inequalities. The strategy

aligns with the other mayoral strategies' ambitions where there are topics that are cross cutting such as air quality.

5. The strategy consultation asks the following questions of Londoners and partners:
  - Are the ambitions right?
  - Is there more that the Mayor can do to reduce health inequalities in London?
  - What can we do together that would reduce health inequalities in London?
  - What support would you & your members need to do this?
  - Are there any gaps in the strategy?
  - Consider what are the particular high priorities for their local communities.
6. The City of London's Health and Wellbeing Advisory Group met on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2017 to discuss the draft strategy, and officers were then invited to submit their comments to the consultation. Responses were collated and then circulated for further comments.
7. In general, officers welcomed the strategy and its ambitions, and recognised the role of the Mayor in providing political leadership for pan-London initiatives. The strategy itself has five themes that echo those of the City's Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy. Both documents share ambitions around improving mental health and preventing suicides; improving air quality; tackling smoking and alcohol misuse; and ensuring children have the best start in life.
8. The response attempts to highlight areas where we agree with the Mayor's ambitions, and provides suggestions for how he can further develop these proposals. We also consider the areas where the City of London Corporation is already working to reduce health inequalities, and try to highlight the role that the Mayor could take on a pan-London basis.
9. The Mayor's next steps for the consultation are:
  - The consultation closes at the end of November 2017
  - Following analysis of the consultation responses the Mayor will publish a final health inequalities strategy and delivery plan
  - A governance system will be established
  - A core set of health inequality indicators will be developed
  - Any offers for action in support of the strategy will be collated

## **Appendices**

- Appendix 1 – proposed response

## **Background Papers**

<https://www.london.gov.uk/health-strategy>

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