

Meeting: Cabinet / Council **Date:** 12 July 2022 / 21 July 2022

Wards affected: All

Report Title: Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy

When does the decision need to be implemented? July 2022

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1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To seek approval of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2022-26 following public consultation.

2. Reason for Proposal and its benefits

- 2.1 The proposals in this report support delivery of the ambitions within the Community and Corporate Plan, in particular tackling poverty, deprivation and vulnerability.
- 2.2 The reasons for the decision are to ensure that the Council complies with the statutory requirement for all upper tier local authorities to have in place a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

3. Recommendation(s) / Proposed Decision

That Cabinet recommends to Council:

That the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2022-26 as set out in Appendix 1 to the submitted report be approved.

Appendices

Appendix 1: Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2022-2026

Appendix 2: Report on the response to public consultation

Background Documents

None

Supporting Information

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Local Authorities have a duty to produce, through the Health and Wellbeing Board, a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy setting out priorities to address the needs of the population.
- 1.2 This Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy sets out our focus areas and key actions to improve lives in Torbay over the next four years. The draft Strategy was prepared in collaboration with Health and Wellbeing Board partners over several months and the areas of focus and cross-cutting areas represent priorities for agencies working across Torbay to improve the health and wellbeing of residents.
- 1.3 In March 2022 the Cabinet agreed to launch the strategy for consultation. The public consultation was undertaken between 4 April – 16 May 2022. A wide range of organisations and individuals were invited to comment, through routine Council communications channels and also through individual cascade via officer stakeholder contacts and networks in an effort to reach as many groups within the population as possible. The consultation was primarily available in digital format but was also provided in paper copy where requested.
- 1.4 A report on the responses to consultation is included at **Appendix 2**. This report also details the changes made to the document as a result of the consultation and how ideas submitted by respondents will be taken forward during the implementation.

2. Options under consideration

- 2.1 The Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy is a partnership document setting out priorities for strategic activity and no alternative options are therefore considered.

3. Financial Opportunities and Implications

- 3.1 There are no direct financial implications associated with the Strategy. Where activities require investment these will be identified and funded through the relevant workstream.

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 The production of a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy is required under the Health and Social Care Act 2012.

5. Engagement and Consultation

- 5.1 The Strategy has been developed in collaboration with members of the Torbay Health and Wellbeing Board and stakeholders involved in the different programme areas.
- 5.2 A public consultation was undertaken between 4 April and 16 May 2022. The response to consultation is set out in **Appendix 2** to the submitted report.

6. Purchasing or Hiring of Goods and/or Services

- 6.1 Not applicable.

7. Tackling Climate Change

- 7.1 One of the cross-cutting areas of the Strategy is environmental sustainability. This is a priority for all Health and Wellbeing Board members.
- 7.2 The strategy requires all partner organisations to:
- Include environmental sustainability as a key element in all policies
 - Make environmental sustainability a factor in decision making in all new policies and procurement contracts. Potential contractors should highlight the actions they will take to cut carbon emissions in their service delivery and work towards providing sustainable services.

8. Associated Risks

- 8.1 There are no specific risks associated with implementation. However, failure to deliver against the major objectives of the Strategy would have a reputational impact for all constituent organisations, and represent a failure to grasp the opportunities to drive improvements in the health and wellbeing of our population.
- 8.2 An outcome framework has been developed to monitor delivery. A risk register will be held by the Health and Wellbeing Board and slippage against implementation identified early so that remedial action can be put in place.

9. Equality Impacts - Identify the potential positive and negative impacts on specific groups

	Positive Impact	Negative Impact & Mitigating Actions	Neutral Impact
Older or younger people	The Strategy includes one priority area around 'Healthy Ageing' and one around 'Good start to Life'. Therefore both population groups should benefit through implementation.		
People with caring Responsibilities	Support for carers is a cross-cutting area in the Strategy. All partners are asked to sign up to the Devonwide Commitment to Carers, proactively to identify and support carers (including young carers), and to become 'carer friendly' employers.		
People with a disability	The goals of the Strategy are to reduce ill-health and poor wellbeing. There are specific objectives around reducing discrimination and stigma associated with disabilities associated with older age, and around the availability and suitability of housing.		
Women or men		Equal impact anticipated.	
People who are black or from a minority ethnic background (BME) (Please note Gypsies /	There is a cross-cutting priority area around reducing inequalities which		

Roma are within this community)	includes a requirement for equality impact assessments, and workplace training in the needs of minority and ethnic groups.		
Religion or belief (including lack of belief)	There is a cross-cutting priority area around reducing inequalities which includes a requirement for equality impact assessments, and workplace training in the needs of minority and ethnic groups.		
People who are lesbian, gay or bisexual	There is a cross-cutting priority area around reducing inequalities which includes a requirement for equality impact assessments, and workplace training in the needs of minority and ethnic groups.		
People who are transgendered	There is a cross-cutting priority area around reducing inequalities which includes a requirement for equality impact assessments, and workplace training in the needs of minority and ethnic groups.		
People who are in a marriage or civil partnership		Equal impact anticipated	
Women who are pregnant / on maternity leave	The employer requirement around equality impact assessment and training is anticipated to have a positive impact.		

Socio-economic impacts (Including impact on child poverty issues and deprivation)	The aim of the Strategy is to drive improvements in health and wellbeing, responding to the needs highlighted in the JSNA and tackling inequalities in health and opportunity in the Bay.		
Public Health impacts (How will your proposal impact on the general health of the population of Torbay)	The purpose of the Strategy is to achieve a positive impact on the health and wellbeing of the population of Torbay.		

10. Cumulative Council Impact

10.1 None

11. Cumulative Community Impacts

11.1 None