

**HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD: 8<sup>th</sup> JULY 2021****REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH****WIDER DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH ACTION PLAN****Purpose of report**

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Health and Wellbeing Board's approval of a Wider Determinants of Health Action Plan which has been developed in response to recommendations arising from the Wider Determinants and Health Inequalities Health and Wellbeing Board Development Session held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

**Link to the local Health and Care System**

2. The Wider Determinants of Health Action Plan links closely to the existing Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy vision by aiming to improve health outcomes for the local population and manage future demand on services through a primary prevention approach, focusing on the sizeable impact of the wider determinants on health outcomes. It also links closely to the proposed focus of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy refresh, with a focus on health inequalities at a place level and health across the life course.
3. Focusing on these wider determinants, there are also links to strategies such as at the Leicestershire and Leicester Strategic Growth Plan and the LLR Health Inequalities Framework.

**Recommendation**

4. The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to approve the Wider Determinants of Health Action Plan.

**Background**

5. It is widely recognised that health is determined by a complex interaction between individual characteristics, lifestyle, and the physical, social, and economic environment. Experts agree that these 'broader determinants of health' are more important than health care in ensuring a healthy population", explaining that economic hardship, levels of education, employment, housing and access to green space are very strongly related to health and wellbeing.
6. Although life expectancy in the county and nationally is improving, healthy life expectancy is not. Consequently, more people are living in poor health for longer. Those living in poor health for longer are less likely to contribute to their communities and society and more likely to be reliant on statutory services.

**The Wider Determinants of Health Action Plan**

7. The Health and Wellbeing Board held a development session on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021 to examine the wider determinants of health locally and considered how to address them. One of the recommendations was to develop a clear action plan to identify

and monitor work around the wider determinants of health. This area gives a considerable opportunity to have a sizeable impact on the health outcomes of the local population. It was felt, due to the size of the work area, that an action plan capturing key pieces of partnership work being carried out by member organisations of the Health and Wellbeing Board would be beneficial to give a clear overview of ongoing work and responsibility and co-ordinate the action.

8. Allowing partners to further identify ways to work together to deliver work at a place level around the wider determinants of health, taking into consideration the evidence base of where the biggest impacts could be made to improve health.
9. The Plan has five priorities based on the King's Fund and Public Health England recommendations of where the biggest impacts on health could be gained and what the Leicestershire data suggests are areas for improvement. The five priorities are.
  - a. Best start in life, linking with the Children and Young People's Plan priorities
  - b. Natural and Built Environment working with the Strategic Planning Group
  - c. Strong communities, wellbeing, and resilience
  - d. Jobs and Work linking with the Growth Unit
  - e. Warm and Safer Homes
10. The Plan will be delivered through existing partnership governance such as the Children and Young People's Plan priority five subgroup and the health workstream of the Leicestershire and Leicester strategic planning group, aligning priorities within the plans. All partnership groups involved delivering the Plan will have representatives from health partners and district colleagues. Progress towards the Plan will be monitored through the unified prevention/staying healthy board.
11. Detailed actions against these priorities can be found in the Appendix.

### **Resource Implications**

12. The Action Plan will be delivered using existing staffing resource across the LLR Partnership.

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### **Appendix**

Wider determinants action plan

## **Relevant Impact Assessments**

### Equality and Human Rights Implications

13. The action plan focuses on promoting equality and equity within health for our population. The actions within the plan and associated work with do this using evidence around inequality informed by factors such as ethnic and socio-economic inequality. The work will aim to increase community cohesion and ability to make healthy choices for our population.

### Environmental Implications

14. The actions within the Wider Determinants Action Plan will cover work that will impact air quality and carbon reduction. Partnership work across LCC and partner organisations is ongoing in these areas and work to measure co-benefits is being further explored.

### Partnership Working and associated issues

15. A level of integrated partnership working is expected for the success of the Wider Determinants Action Plan. Relevant partners have been consulted whilst the action plan has been developed and will continue to be throughout its implementation. The refresh of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy this will further underpin the joint work, aims and objectives of partners within the county around the health and wellbeing of our population.

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