



HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD: 7th JULY 2016

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S EARLY HELP AND PREVENTION STRATEGY

Purpose of report

1. The purpose of this report is to inform the Health and Wellbeing Board of:
 - a. the medium term strategy for early help and prevention services within Leicestershire County Council and the associated review of current delivery, and
 - b. the governance proposal and outline programme approach to deliver the recommendations of the strategy as approved by County Council Cabinet on the 17th June 2016

Links to the local Health and Care System

2. A consistent approach to early help and prevention has been identified as a key priority for the County Council in achieving its Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) target. The approach outlined in the strategy will have an alignment with the preventative approach set out in Better Care Together and the Sustainability and Transformation Plan.

Background

3. In February 2016 Leicestershire County Council engaged the consultancy firm Peopletoo, with the objective of developing a broad medium term strategy for early help and prevention services to support a new target operating model (TOM) that is efficient, that enables the delivery of strategic outcomes and that represents value for money.
4. The work was completed and resulted in an Early Help and Prevention Strategy, and findings from a review into the current provision of early help and prevention services across Leicestershire County Council.
5. The strategy encompasses a vision for early help that by 2018 there will be a comprehensive offer for community based prevention for the citizens of Leicestershire, funded by bringing together all the resources available to Local Councils and partners.
6. The strategy recognises that in Leicestershire a focus on early help and prevention is fundamental to tackling the root causes of problems as soon as they arise, critical to improving people's quality of life throughout each stage.

7. The strategy sets out a clear direction of travel that outlines a more integrated approach across the Council, and indeed Leicestershire, for the provision of early help and prevention activity. The strategy seeks to build upon the good practice and existing strategies of the Council; identifying areas where these can be further developed e.g. the Council's Commissioning and Community strategies.
8. The strategy also describes the way by which the Council's related assets and services could be refocused on better supporting outcomes through new and modern ways of providing early help and prevention e.g. through greater use of Local Area Co-ordinators.
9. The Early Help and Prevention Strategy can be found at Appendix A.

Governance Proposal and Outline Programme Approach

10. In order to deliver the implementation plan outlined within the report, it is proposed that the eight workstreams set out in the recommendations of the strategy are configured as a programme.
11. The Senior Responsible Officer (SRO) for this programme is the Director of Public Health as corporate lead. A Programme Board will be established with membership including senior stakeholders from all affected Departments.
12. The lead for member for health within the County council, and chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board, Mr White CC, will be the lead member for the prevention review,

Resource Implications

13. Implementing the recommendations of the review is expected to result in savings of just over £3m in the prevention expenditure of the County Council.

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Relevant Impact Assessments

Equality and Human Rights Implications

14. Developments within the strategy that will lead to service redesign will be subject to equality impact assessment.

Partnership Working and associated issues

15. The delivery of the strategy is dependent on close collaborative working from Health and Wellbeing Board partners.