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**Meeting of the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee –  
15<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

**Report of the Director of Public Health and Wellbeing**

**Health and Wellbeing Board update**

**Purpose**

1. The purpose of the report is to update the Committee on the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWBB) and to outline the programme and timetable for the Health and Wellbeing Strategy review and refresh along with the JSNA (Joint Strategic Needs Assessment) refresh.

**Recommendations**

2. It is recommended that scrutiny note:
  - The update on the Health and Wellbeing Board and the direction of travel
  - Timescales for the review and refresh of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy
  - The re-establishment of the Executive Board of the HWBB
  - The establishment of the Living Safely With Covid Inequalities Steering Group

**Background**

Update on the HWBB

3. There have been a number of changes in terms of membership of the HWBB. The Chair (approved by the HWBB in June 2021) is Councillor Barlow. The membership has been extended to reflect the wider health and wellbeing system and to therefore enable a more effective approach to tackling health inequalities and the wider determinants of health and wellbeing.
4. The executive board of the HWBB (as agreed by the board) has been re-established with the remit to agree the agenda for the full HWBB, programme of development and to approve HWBB flash reports.

5. The BAME (Black and Minority Ethnic) HWBB subgroup has been renamed (with the agreement of the HWBB) MEEC (Minority Ethnic and Excluded Communities) COVID 19 subgroup.
6. MEEC subgroup is currently working on work programme priorities which will be fed back to the HWBB in December 2021.
7. The JSNA refresh will take an asset-based approach and will be completed by April 2022.
8. The Health and Wellbeing Strategy review and refresh will be informed by an asset-based approach/community-based narrative, JSNA refresh/inequalities as well as a review of current priorities and the board development.
9. Draft Health and Wellbeing Strategy and refresh to be completed by April 2022: current priorities are obesity, tackling poverty and loneliness and isolation.
10. A review of the approach for each of the three priorities will be undertaken in light of the learning from COVID and will inform the Health and Wellbeing Strategy refresh.
11. The first development session will focus on working with communities. Date to be confirmed in December.

#### Inequalities: Living Safely with Covid

12. Agreement of the HWBB to a system wide Living Safely with Covid inequalities steering group is established which will report directly to HWBB.
13. The approach to inequalities will be a life course 'bring back fairer' Marmot and Asset Based Community Development approach informed by community conversation and priorities: the latter (ABCD) work commissioned from IDEAs Alliance.
14. The inequalities agenda will also inform the Council's vision: Forging a Future's inequalities aspirations and programmes, as well as Integrated Care System/ Dudley Place Partnership inequalities and local priorities across townships, primary care networks as well as Dudley Borough.

#### Finance

15. The programme of work outlined in this report is supported by the Council's general fund budget and the Public Health Grant.

#### Law

16. Health and Wellbeing Board are a statutory committee of the local authority and have been in place since 2013.



## **Risk Management**

17. There is no risk management issues arising from this report.

## **Equality Impact**

18. All strategies and programmes will consider the impact of the proposals on people with different protected characteristics (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation).

## **Human Resources/Organisational Development**

19. There are no human resource issues arising from this report.

## **Commercial/Procurement**

20. There are no commercial or procurement issues arising from this report.

## **Council Priorities**

21. Key priorities are within the council vision: Forging a Future for All.
22. The impact of the HWBB and inequalities will be across the system including the wider determinants of health, health and wellbeing and across the care and health system.
23. Supports the Council Plan key priority stronger and safer communities by reducing social isolation and implements a system wide strategy to reduce the increasing prevalence of social isolation and loneliness. Empowers people to be self-reliant, independent, and well-co-ordinated to grow strong, connected, and resilient communities.



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## **List of Background Documents**

*Health and Wellbeing Board meeting and papers*

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