

Report to:	Scrutiny and Overview Committee	16 November 2023
Lead Cabinet Member:	Cllr Bill Handley (Lead Cabinet Member for Communities)	
Lead Officer:	Peter Campbell	

Health & Wellbeing Strategy Refresh 2024-2028

Executive Summary

1. The Health & Wellbeing Strategy was previously agreed by Cabinet in July 2019 for the period 2019-2024. However, shortly thereafter followed the COVID-19 pandemic, a cost-of-living crisis and the formation of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Integrated Care System (CPICS). Cumulatively, these factors influenced our priorities and the way we deliver our services.
2. It was agreed that an up-to-date Strategy was required to reflect the environment in which we now work, to cover the period 2024-2028.

Key Decision

3. No. There is no key decision.

Recommendations

4. It is recommended that the Scrutiny and Overview Committee reviews and comments upon the Strategy and its appendices in advance of Cabinet making a decision on 5 December 2023.

Reasons for Recommendations

5. Health and Wellbeing covers work we do across the whole Council.
6. To help shape the updated strategy, a workshop was first held with members of Scrutiny and Overview in June 2023 to gain Member input. Their views have been incorporated into the refreshed strategy.
7. Members raised matters relating to the following:
 - a. lessons learned from covid;

- b. a greater need for closer collaboration amongst other organisations, particularly Cambridgeshire County Council to avoid duplication of resources;
 - c. the need to address isolation and loneliness across all age groups within new communities as a key priority;
 - d. Continued investment in existing good schemes e.g. mobile wardens (as opposed to creating new schemes); and
 - e. Access to culture, heritage and the arts to play a greater role in health and wellbeing, particularly in new communities.
8. A further workshop was held with key officers across the Council to ensure the draft strategy was representative of all our work and priorities and that we are collaborating on projects, policies and strategies to join forces and provide specialist input where needed.
9. Following approval by Cabinet, a more accessible version of the Strategy is planned for external stakeholders.

Implications

10. In the writing of this report, taking into account financial, legal, staffing, risk, equality and diversity, climate change, and any other key issues, the following implications have been considered: -

Financial

11. No additional budget is required to deliver the actions outlined in this Strategy.

Legal

12. There are no significant implications.

Staffing

13. There are no significant implications.

Risks / Opportunities

14. The activities outlined in this strategy have the potential to improve health and wellbeing outcomes for residents across the District using a wide range of interventions. However, health outcomes are multi-factorial and not the sole influence of Council activities.
15. There are no planned budget increases over the term of this strategy, there may be future reductions which could lead to the discontinuation of some

activities funded by SCDC outlined in the actions. Where programmes receive external funding, these may also be subject to ongoing review.

Equality and Diversity

16. An Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) is undertaken routinely on individual activity and project areas resulting from the strategy as per the Council's policy.

Climate Change

17. Climate change is strongly linked to health outcomes. Numerous projects and activities from across the Council are linked to the Zero Carbon strategy including those in this Strategy.

Health & Wellbeing

18. The health impacts associated with poor housing condition, local community, access to good education and work, financial hardship, are well evidenced. This strategy aims to deliver numerous positive health impacts from across the Council by working in collaboration with partners both from within the Council and the Integrated Care System.

Consultation responses

19. Workshops were undertaken with Councillors and officers from across the Council as well as elected members from the Scrutiny and Overview Committee.

Alignment with Council Priority Areas

Growing local businesses and economies

20. This strategy involves working closely to deliver projects via the voluntary sector and local business. This creates positive impacts by supporting hyper local organisations to develop their business models, provide employment for local people and build social value through the creation of increased volunteering roles and quality job opportunities across the district.

Housing that is truly affordable for everyone to live in

21. This strategy highlights our strong links with housing and debt advice services to work with those in need of financial support through a wide range of support from provision of grants to adaptations to homes to improve energy efficiencies.

Being green to our core

22. There are many activities and projects resulting from the strategy which will help the Council achieve its net zero targets. Through planning and housing policy, our work towards creating a sustainable food network, and grants to deliver local improvements to buildings, nature and biodiversity.

A modern and caring Council

23. The breadth and depth of the strategy addresses the wider determinants as it aims to address matters relating to housing, income, jobs, social and community cohesion and access to health services.

Appendices

Appendix A: Health & Wellbeing Strategy

Appendix B: Activities and actions to deliver the strategy.

Appendix C: Lessons learned from Covid

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