

## HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY 2022 TO 2026

# Levelling the playing field in Thurrock

We want to hear your views on proposals to address health inequality

### Thurrock Health and Wellbeing Strategy refresh

We are seeking the views of Thurrock residents on proposals for Thurrock's Health and Wellbeing Strategy refresh. The full consultation can be found online at <a href="https://consult.thurrock.gov.uk/">https://consult.thurrock.gov.uk/</a>.

Based upon previous feedback, the Health and Wellbeing Strategy has been set out into six proposed areas of people's lives or domains. We are interested to hear your views on the proposed domains and priorities to support the refresh of the Strategy.

Domain 1 – Healthier for Longer (including Mental Health)

Domain 2 - Building Strong & Cohesive Communities

Domain 3 – People-Led Health and Care

Domain 4 – Opportunity for All

Domain 5 – Housing and the Environment

Domain 6 – Community Safety

## Domain 4 - Opportunity for All Summary aim

We want Thurrock residents to achieve their potential by being able to access high quality education & training, securing good quality employment and making the most of new opportunities created through inward investment to the borough's wider regeneration programmes.

#### **Challenges**

- While Thurrock's overall performance is good in terms of delivering education, it masks poorer
  performance in children that are more deprived, including those receiving Free School Meals.
- Young people classified as 'Not in Education, Employment or Training' (NEET) are considered to be
  at greater risk of poor physical and mental health, unemployment and low quality or low paid wage
  in later life.
- Skills levels in Thurrock are lower and numbers of people working in management, professional and technical occupations are lower across the east of England and Great Britain.
- Unemployment contributes to poor health, therefore getting people into work is of critical importance to reduce health inequalities.
- Living in disadvantaged circumstances limits access to opportunities, having social, physical and health impacts.
- Economic growth should benefit all communities in Thurrock, including more deprived areas across the borough.

#### Goals

- By raising aspirations and reducing the disadvantage gap, all Thurrock children and young people are able to achieve their potential.
- Support young people and adults to gain qualifications, skills and experience to progress into further and higher education, apprenticeships or sustained employment.
- Those from vulnerable groups or places in the borough who have lost jobs through the pandemic are supported so they are able to find employment, and benefit from opportunities to re skill or upskill.
- Work together to level up economic and social opportunity for people living in disadvantaged circumstances.
- Local people are able to benefit from the large regeneration programmes happening in Thurrock

### We welcome your feedback on the following questions

Q1.	Do you agr	ee with the aim of th	his domain?			
	Yes	No				
	Please p	ase provide information to explain your response				
Q2.	Do you agr	ee with the challeng	ges that have been identified?			
	Yes	No				
	Please p	rovide information t	to explain your response			
		/				
Q3.	Are there a	ny other challenges	s that should be considered?			
	Yes	No				
	Please p	rovide information t	to explain your response			

4. Do you agre	with the goals that have been pro	posed?		
Yes	No			
Please pr	Please provide information to explain your response			
5. Are there an	other goals that should be consid	lered?		
Yes	No			
Please pr	ovide information to explain your re	esponse		