

30 October 2022		ITEM: 5 and 6
Health & Wellbeing Board		
Thurrock Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2022-26 Update		
Wards and communities affected: All	Key Decision: None	
Report of: Jo Broadbent, Director of Public Health		
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Executive Summary

This paper presents an update on Domains 1 and 6 of the Thurrock Health & Wellbeing Strategy (HWBS) 2022-26 and asks the Board to consider and comment on the plans for delivering the Goals in these Domains.

1. Recommendation(s)

- 1.1 The Board is asked to:
- Consider and comment on the plans for delivering the Goals of the HWBS in Domain 1 – Healthier for Longer and Domain 6 – Community Safety

2. Introduction and Background

- 2.1 The Health & Wellbeing Board (HWBB) has a statutory duty to produce a HWBS. The HWBS is a whole system plan for health & wellbeing and a means to engage all partners in the wellbeing agenda, co-ordinating strategic thinking of all elements of the council and all system partners to deliver quantifiable gains in health and wellbeing of residents.
- 2.2 Thurrock agreed its first HWBS in 2013. The current HWBS was launched in July 2022 and can be accessed here: <https://www.thurrock.gov.uk/health-and-well-being-strategy/health-and-well-being-strategy-2022-2026>
- 2.3 Proposals for the HWBS were developed by multi-agency stakeholders including Thurrock Council ADs and Subject Matter Experts from across the system. The HWBB considered the proposals for the HWBS at its meeting in July 2021, including the Vision, the 6 Domain structure, and plans to engage with the wider public. A twelve week consultation exercise took place October-December 2021 and the attached Strategy document has been further developed to reflect engagement outcomes.

3. Overview of the Refreshed HWBS 2022-26

- 3.1. The Vision for the Strategy is *Levelling the Playing Field* and tackling inequalities is reflected throughout. Proposals to level the playing field have been developed based

around six areas of people's lives, which we refer to as Domains, that cover the wider determinants of health and impact on people's health and wellbeing. These are:

1. Staying Healthier for Longer
2. Building Strong & Cohesive Communities
3. Person-Led Health & Care
4. Opportunity for All
5. Housing & the Environment
6. Community Safety

- 3.2. Through engagement with residents and stakeholders, 3-4 priority Goals have been identified for each Domain, with public feedback leading refinements of these Goals in the attached final draft. These set out specific actions to improve outcomes and specifically level the playing field and address inequalities.
- 3.3. Delivery of the ambitions within the Goals is underpinned by a number of key topic-specific strategies (such as the Housing Strategy, Better Care Together Thurrock Strategy etc), plus the Local Plan and the Backing Thurrock Economic Growth Strategy. Content proposals in the HWBS have been agreed with leads for these other strategic plans.

4. Consultation outcomes

- 4.1 A Consultation Report for the Strategy is provided on the website, which details how Goals were refined to reflect consultation outcomes. Over 750 comments were received through a short 'user friendly' questionnaire developed in conjunction with the CVS and Healthwatch, which sought the public's views on the six Domains that have been proposed for the refreshed Strategy. In excess of 300 residents or professionals involved in the planning, commissioning or delivery of health and care services provided feedback on strategy consultation proposals through community and professional forums and meetings. This resulted in over 1,300 individual comments on the proposals.

5. Governance

- 5.1. The HWBB agreed that in order to keep an oversight of delivery of the aims of the strategy, it would receive an update on each Domain annually. In the first year of delivery of the Strategy, the update will consist of an outline of the plans for each Domain and milestones for delivery.
- 5.2. An overview of the plans for the following Domains are appended to this report:
 - Domain 1 – Staying Healthier for Longer (Appendix 1)
 - Domain 6 – Community Safety (Appendix 2)

6. Reasons for Recommendation

- 6.1. The HWBB has a collective statutory duty to produce a HWBS. It is one of two highest level statutory strategic documents for the Local Authority and system partners, the other being the Local Plan. The statutory status of the document means that the new Integrated Care Board (ICB) must have regard to it when planning their own strategy.

7. Consultation (including Overview and Scrutiny, if applicable)

7.1. The proposals in this paper reflect substantial consultation with professionals and the public as detailed above and in the full Consultation Report.

8. Impact on corporate policies, priorities, performance and community impact

8.1. The HWBS is one of three highest Place Shaping strategic documents for the Local Authority and system partners, the other being the Local Plan and Backing Thurrock Economic Development plan, with specific synergies between the three strategies being highlighted. It is a whole system plan for health & wellbeing and a means to engage all partners in the wellbeing agenda, co-ordinating strategic thinking of all elements of the council and all system partners to deliver quantifiable gains in health and wellbeing of residents.

8.2. In order to support delivery of the Council's Vision, the 6 Domains of the HWBS Strategy each relate to one of the Council's key priorities of People, Place and Prosperity, as outlined in the attached Strategy.

9. Implications (Replicated from the June 2022 paper on the HWBS)

9.1 Financial

Implications verified by: **Mike Jones**
Strategic Lead – Corporate Finance

The cost associated with the strategy refresh will be delivered within existing budgets or agreed through existing Council and partner agencies governance finance arrangements.

9.2 Legal

Implications verified by: **Lindsey Marks - Deputy Head of Law**

The Health and Social Care Act 2012 established a responsibility for Councils and CCGs to jointly prepare Health and Wellbeing Strategies for the local area as defined by the Health and Wellbeing Board.

9.3 Diversity and Equality

Implications verified by: **Becky Lee**
Community Development and Equalities Team

Implications have not changed since previous approval provided in July 2021. The aim of the strategy is to improve the health and wellbeing of the population of Thurrock and reduce health and wellbeing inequalities. A community equality impact assessment (CEIA) will underpin the strategy and mitigate the risk of disproportionate negative impact for protected groups. This approach will ensure the strategy itself and implementation supports delivery of the council's equality objectives while maintaining compliance with the Equality Act 2010 and Public Sector Equality Duty.

7.4 **Other implications** (where significant) – i.e. Staff, Health, Sustainability, Crime and Disorder, or Impact on Looked After Children)

The refreshed Health and Wellbeing Strategy will facilitate crime and disorder priorities that relate specifically to health and wellbeing, further strengthening the relationship between the Health and Wellbeing Board and Community Safety Partnership. The focus of the strategy is to broadly focus on addressing inequalities in Thurrock.

8. Appendices to the report

Appendix 1 – Staying Healthier for Longer (Domain 1)

Appendix 2 –Community Safety (Domain 6)

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