

## HEALTH AND WELLBEING PRIORITIES 2025-2028

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<b>Wards affected:</b>	(All Wards);
<b>Urgent Decision? (yes/no)</b>	
<b>If yes, reason urgent decision required:</b>	No
<b>Appendices (attached):</b>	<b>Appendix 1:</b> DRAFT - Health and Wellbeing Priorities 2025-2028.

### Summary

This report sets out the Council's intended health and wellbeing priorities for 2025-2028.

### Recommendation (s)

#### The Committee is asked to:

- (1) Support the Council in developing its revised Health and Wellbeing Strategy based on the priorities set out in this report, and as included in Appendix 1.**

## 1 Reason for Recommendation

- 1.1 The Council's Health and Wellbeing Strategy (2019-2023) has now lapsed.
- 1.2 The Council has subsequently commenced a review of the health and wellbeing priorities for the borough. This review is in preparation for the next iteration of the Strategy that is due to be presented to the Community and Wellbeing Committee in March 2025.
- 1.3 This report serves as an early indicator as to the Council's priorities for the next iteration. By supporting the priorities proposed in this report, the Council will be able to progress in drafting the Strategy and ensure timeframes are met.

## 2 Background

- 2.1 In October 2019, the Community and Wellbeing Committee approved the Council's first Health & Wellbeing Strategy 2019-2023.

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- 2.2 The Strategy was based on a comprehensive review of data that reflected local insights. It also considered the strategic priorities of the 10-year Surrey-wide Health and Wellbeing Strategy, and findings from the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA); a significant body of work produced by Public Health, Surrey and overseen by the Joint Health and Wellbeing Board.
- 2.3 The Council's Strategy subsequently highlighted 5 key priorities for the borough:
- Eating Well, getting active and reducing our alcohol consumption.
  - Living life to the full, whatever your age
  - Supporting vulnerable residents to live well
  - Supporting the mental and emotional wellbeing of our residents
  - Supporting our residents to stay connected
- 2.4 In January 2020 an action plan was submitted to the Community & Wellbeing Committee that set out how the Council intended to address the priorities. Unfortunately, the delivery of the Strategy was impacted by both the pandemic, and later, in February 2022, the Homes for Ukraine scheme; both saw Council resources re-directed.
- 2.5 Since the first iteration of the Strategy, the Council's involvement and partnership working alongside colleagues in health, and the community and voluntary sector has continued to prosper. The Council has continuously built and maintained strong and purposeful relationships across these sectors, and this has helped inform the Council's revised priorities.
- 2.6 In 2022, the Pulling Together Programme commenced. This was an initiative by Surrey Downs Health and Care Partnership and attended by a health and community leads operating across Surrey Downs. Its purpose was to draw on shared resources and address health and wellbeing inequalities across the area of Surrey Downs which covers the surrounding council areas of Epsom and Ewell, Mole Valley, Reigate and Banstead, and East Elmbridge.
- 2.7 Neighbourhood Boards were one initiative that came from the Pulling Together agenda and were tasked with bringing together agencies to identify priorities and agree on targeted actions.
- 2.8 The Council chairs the Neighbourhood Board, with both the Integrated Care Partnership, and Epsom Primary Care Networks (PCN) in attendance. Whilst membership is currently being extended, this partnership has been vital in providing greater insights into the health of the borough via its population health data.

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2.9 This data has evidenced that mental health is a priority, and this will help inform the next iteration of the borough's Strategy.

2.10 Relying on population health data from the NHS, and a further desk-top review of other reliable sources, the Council proposes to develop a revised Strategy that incorporates the following aims and objectives:

Improving the mental and emotional wellbeing of the residents through focusing our efforts on:

- Improving access to physical health activity in the borough.
- Creating opportunities for residents of the borough.
- Supporting residents to build a connection with others.

2.11 Whilst the Strategy will consider residents of all ages and circumstance to support health and wellbeing across a lifetime, it is proposed that there be a focus on:

- Children and young people
- Those who are impacted by the wider determinants of health
- Those whose circumstance disproportionately impacts on their health and wellbeing.

2.12 In the development of the revised Strategy, it is accepted that priorities may be subject to change if further insights indicate that this is required. The final draft Health and Wellbeing Strategy will be subject to a further report to this committee in March 2025. This report will set out the evidence for any amendments.

### **3 Risk Assessment**

Legal or other duties

3.1 Equality Impact Assessment

3.1.1 The Council accepts that in the development and delivery of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy, there will be impact on residents who have protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010. It is of note however that the Strategy is likely to have a positive or neutral impact on those residents.

3.1.2 In recognition of the potential impact of the strategy the Council intends to conduct a full Equality Impact Assessment. This will be presented to the Community and Wellbeing Committee in March 2025.

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### 3.2 Crime & Disorder

3.2.1 The development of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy may have an indirect and positive impact on crime and disorder where projects are delivered that incorporate:

- Diversionary activities for residents that promote engagement in the community, and steer away from participating in crime and disorder.
- Increased access to support services for those at risk of, or who have previously offended.
- Priorities from other services areas (such as Community Safety), that also under-pin the aims and objectives of the revised Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

### 3.3 Safeguarding

3.3.1 In the delivery of the revised strategy the Council accepts that projects and initiatives will specifically serve vulnerable residents, children and young people.

3.3.2 The Council will continue to ensure its safeguarding duties to report safeguarding concerns, and under-take due diligence in working with delivery partners is maintained.

### 3.4 Dependencies

3.4.1 In the delivery of the revised strategy, the Council would seek to work in partnership with other agencies. This would include, but would not be exhaustive of:

- Community and Voluntary Sector Partners.
- Health Partners and Primary Care Networks.
- Statutory services.
- Local business where applicable.

3.4.2 The Council will also work closely with internal departments in the drafting of the strategy as applicable.

3.4.3 The Council will also work with Neighbourhood Boards (as stated in 2.7), as to ensure the effective utilisation of population health data.

### 3.5 Other None

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### 4 Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications in the drafting of the revised Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
- 4.2 Any public consultations, projects, and initiatives that are to be undertaken in the connection with the finalisation and delivery of the strategy will need to rely on:
  - The Councils allocated revenue budget
  - Applications for Bid funding
- 4.3 The Council will bring a further report to the Community & Wellbeing Committee in March 2025, following the finalisation of the draft strategy.
- 4.4 **Section 151 Officer's comments:** None for the purposes of this report.

### 5 Legal Implications

- 5.1 The legal implications are considered in section 3 of this report. Further considerations will be brought to the Community and Wellbeing Committee in March 2025.
- 5.2 **Legal Officer's comments:** None arising from the contents of this report.

### 6 Policies, Plans & Partnerships

- 6.1 **Council's Key Priorities:** The following Key Priorities are engaged:
  - The revised Health and Wellbeing Strategy will engage the Council's key priorities of: Safe and Well, Opportunity and Prosperity and Smart and Connected.
- 6.2 **Service Plans:** The matter is included within the current Service Delivery Plan.
- 6.3 **Climate & Environmental Impact of recommendations:**
- 6.4 Potential for positive links with actions within the climate change action plan including on providing practical help to vulnerable and disabled people to improve energy efficiency in their homes and reduce fuel poverty and improving access to physical health activity could link with active travel initiatives.
- 6.5 **Sustainability Policy & Community Safety Implications:**

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6.6 Community Safety Implications are considered in section 3.2 of this report. There are no other considerations.

6.7 **Partnerships:**

6.8 The partnerships are as identified in section 3.4 of this report.

## 7 Background papers

7.1 The documents referred to in compiling this report are as follows:

### **Previous reports:**

- Community and Wellbeing Committee Report – 19<sup>th</sup> October 2024: Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2019-2024

[https://th-modgov19-01.eebc.gov.uk/documents/s14024/Health%20and%20Wellbeing%20Strategy%202019-2023.pdf?LO\\$=1](https://th-modgov19-01.eebc.gov.uk/documents/s14024/Health%20and%20Wellbeing%20Strategy%202019-2023.pdf?LO$=1)

### **Other papers:**

- None