

HEALTH AND WELLBEING DRAFT STRATEGY 2025-2028

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

Summary

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

Recommendation (s)

The Committee is asked to:

- (1) **Approve the draft Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2025-2028 as set out in Appendix 1.**

And

- (2) **Agree to the draft Strategy being taken to Public Consultation for a period of 6-weeks after Committee.**

1 Reason for Recommendation

- 1.1 On 16th January 2025 a report was taken to the Community and Wellbeing Committee setting out the Council's intended priorities for the revised Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2025-2028. The Committee approved the Council drafting its strategy in line with the priorities identified in the report.
- 1.2 The draft Health and Wellbeing Strategy for 2025-2028 is now being presented back to Committee, with the recommendation being that this be approved, and be subject to public consultation.

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2 Background

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

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- 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.
- 2.9 Relying on population health data from the NHS, and a further in-depth review of other reliable data sources, this has continued to support the priorities presented to Committee on 16th January 2025.
- 2.10 These priorities are therefore to remain as follows:
- 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 On 23rd January 2025, the Council's intended health and wellbeing priorities as shown in 2.11 and 2.12 of this report, were presented to some of our community and voluntary sector partners. The over-arching aim to improve the mental and emotional health of residents was strongly supported and the initial views of those in attendance being taken into consideration.
- 2.13 It is accepted that the content of the strategy may be subject to a further change following a public consultation. The final iteration of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy will therefore be brought back to Committee in July 2025 for approval.

3 Risk Assessment

Legal or other duties

- 3.1 Equality Impact Assessment

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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 produced following a period of public consultation and presented to the Community and Wellbeing Committee in July 2025.

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.

Safeguarding

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

3.2.3 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.

3.3 Dependencies

3.3.1 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.

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

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

3.4 Other None

4 Financial Implications

4.1 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
- Central Government grant funding where applicable.

4.2 The Council will bring a further report to the Community & Wellbeing Committee in July 2025.

4.3 **Section 151 Officer's comments:** Any proposals for future grant funding will be reviewed, and any financial implications or liabilities will be reported back to the committee.

5 Legal Implications

5.1 The legal implications are considered in section 3 of this report. Further considerations will be brought to the next Community and Wellbeing Committee in July 2025.

5.2 **Legal Officer's comments:** none for the purposes 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:**

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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:**

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 – 19th October 2019: Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2019-2023](#)
- [Community and Wellbeing Committee Report – 16th January 2025: Health and Wellbeing Priorities 2025-2028.](#)

Other papers:

- None