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Summary

Brentwood Borough Council is a key partner organisation that oversees the coordination of the Brentwood Health and Wellbeing Board. Part of the governance arrangements for the Board is that a regular update is provided to the Council's Community and Health Committee (or relevant committee) on the progress of the Board in reducing health inequalities in the borough.

The board receives a grant each year from Essex County Council to fund projects and part-fund the Public Health Officer.

In light of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board refreshed its Strategy and its subgroups which deliver on behalf of the Board. It is a growing strategic health partnership which includes the following main partners:

- Elected Councillors as Chair and Vice chair: (Cllr Sanders and Cllr Davies)
- ECC Health lead and Active Essex
- ECC Children's & Young services
- Brentwood and Basildon Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and NHS mental health Services
- Subgroup Chairs
- Brentwood Community Tree representation
- Voluntary sector representation and other community health organisations

The 3 Subgroups are now as follows:

Start Well: Focusing on improving the health of 0 - 19 year olds and up to 25 for those with special educational needs (SEND).

The Children's Advisory Board has merged with this group, this board is a requirement of the Children's and Families Act 2014 and reports to/monitored by Ofsted.

Chair: Claire Love – ECC Youth Service

Ageing Well: Focusing on improving the quality of life of the older people in the Borough. Dementia Action Alliance sits within this.

Chair: Peter Salmon – Neighbourhood Watch

Obesity/Physical Activity/ Activebrentwood: Focusing to increase Physical Activity levels and reduce obesity levels, targeting families and those who are overweight/obese.

Chair: Stuart Tryhorn –Active Essex

Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to:

R1. Note the Brentwood Health and Wellbeing Board Annual Update and draft Subgroup Action Plans.

Main Report

Introduction and Background

1. The Health and Wellbeing Board (H&W Board) was established under the Health and Social Care Act in 2013. Although the County Health and Wellbeing Board is a statutory requirement it is not so at a district level, however the Brentwood Health and Wellbeing Board feeds into the County Board, to work with partners to reduce health inequalities in the Brentwood Borough.
2. The existing Strategy was last revised in 2020, which has now been adopted by all partners on the H&W board.
3. COVID-19 has seen a number of factors which has meant an increase in some health inequalities among certain ethnicities and demographic groups. Mental Health across all ages has been affected and MH services are more in demand than ever.
4. The pandemic has also seen a number of services being delivered virtually rather than face to face and those undergoing treatment with life limiting

illnesses sometimes adversely affected, although some services have resumed, others have continued not to be in person, including many doctors' appointments.

5. The refreshed Health and Wellbeing Board Strategy sets out three main priorities which are reflected in the subgroups:
 - Reducing the prevalence of child and adult obesity and increasing physical activity
 - Improving our ability to age well
 - Supporting everyone to start well

6. In addition to the key priorities, it is deemed that there are concurrent themes that ran across all of our actions and focus, these form the backbone of everything we aim to achieve through the strategy. These are:
 - Mental Wellness
 - Resilient Communities
 - Connecting people and reducing social isolation

Issue, Options and Analysis of Options

7. Brentwood Borough Council is one of a number of partner organisations that sit on the Brentwood Health and Wellbeing Board, so there are opportunities that the Council can explore to look at the influence and impact that it can have not only on the Board priorities but also work with partners on the wider socio-economic determinants of health to reduce those inequalities of Brentwood residents.

8. Some work has already been undertaken when looking at the wider determinants of health, but there are further measures that we can identify and support. One is to look at Active Travel and improvements to make roads a safer option to encourage less car usage and more sustainable & active travel options.

9. The subgroups have recently started working on their own focus areas and developed an action plan/delivery plan with the guidance of the Council. Each of the 3 subgroups have a ringfence allocation of the funding to enable delivery.

10. Each Action Plan and projects within this will be reviewed by the Executive H&W Board, to ensure collaborative working across the groups and without duplication.
11. Organisations will also be asked to complete a standardised template to feedback progress from their own organisation against the priorities. It is also expected that using the reporting template each organisation will set out what they are doing against each of the priorities, identify any issues or barriers and numbers of people contacted /service users that have been supported.
12. The impact of COVID-19 has also identified that those that have existing underlying health conditions, are obese or from BAME communities tend to have worse outcomes in regard to the pandemic. Therefore, a targeted support with partners will need to support this piece of work working closely with the local community.
13. The pandemic has also seen a rise for increased Mental Health support, from low level telephone befriending services to more structured interventions to support our residents deal with the pandemic and the road to recovery.

Reasons for Recommendation

The Health and Wellbeing Board Strategy sets out to reduce the health inequalities of the residents in Brentwood. Brentwood Borough Council can, with the support of the Board and the delivery subgroups- have a positive impact on the wider socio-economic determinants of health, to enable our residents to lead active, healthy and fulfilling lifestyles.

Consultation

The Draft Strategy was presented to the Brentwood Health and Wellbeing Board for comment on 18 September 2020 and these have been fed into the final strategy. Members of the Children's Advisory Board were also consulted on the merger of the two boards. The members of the H&W Board have now adopted the Strategy and are working towards its priorities.

References to Corporate Plan

The Health and Wellbeing Board Strategy supports the Council's Corporate Strategy 2025 priorities. and especially the 'Developing Communities' strand. Through a Health in all policies approach the Council can have a positive impact on reducing health inequalities in Brentwood.

Implications

Financial Implications

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The Brentwood Health and Wellbeing Board is part funded by Essex County Council. This is split into two elements the Public Health Practitioner Post (which is incorporated into the Corporate Health and Wellbeing Officer post) and an annual budget to deliver the projects.

£19,020p.a for the Public Health Practitioner Post

£20,000p.a for project delivery

This funding is in place until 2022 and is administered by Brentwood Borough Council.

Legal Implications

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The Health and Wellbeing Board is a partnership board that was set up to reduce health inequalities in Brentwood. As part of the board's terms of reference it provides a regular report on the progress against priorities to both Brentwood Community and Health Committee and it also reports to the Statutory County Health and Wellbeing Board.

Economic Implications

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The Health and Wellbeing Strategy sets out how it will reduce health inequalities in the borough informed by wider socio-economic factors that can individually or in combination impact on an individual's health and wellbeing. Therefore, there are indirect economic benefits from healthy and active communities, which the strategy aims to achieve.

Equality and Diversity Implications

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The Public Sector Equality Duty applies to the Council when it makes decisions. The duty requires us to have regard to the need to:

- a. Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimization and other behaviour prohibited by the Act. In summary, the Act makes discrimination etc. on the grounds of a protected characteristic unlawful

- b. Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- c. Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not include tackling prejudice and promoting understanding.

The protected characteristics are age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, marriage and civil partnership, race, religion or belief, gender, and sexual orientation. The Act states that 'marriage and civil partnership' is not a relevant protected characteristic for (b) or (c) although it is relevant for (a).

The proposals in this report look at reducing health inequalities, especially some of those who are affected more due to a particular characteristic.

Health & Wellbeing Implications

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As a board, we will continue to work towards reducing health inequalities across the Brentwood Borough and improving the quality of life for all.

Other Implications (where significant) – i.e. Health and Safety, Asset Management, Equality and Diversity, Risk Management, Section 17 – Crime & Disorder, Sustainability, ICT.

Background Papers

Refreshed Brentwood Health and Well-being strategy (which was shared with committee in September 2020).

Appendices to this report

Please note: Action Plans are working progress and are live documents.

Appendix A: Start Well Action Plan

Appendix B: Obesity/PA Action Plan (Active Brentwood)

Appendix C: Ageing Well Action Plan

Appendix D: Visual Flow chart to show Structure of the board, ECC and subgroups.