

LONDON BOROUGH OF CROYDON

REPORT:	Health and Wellbeing Board	
DATE OF DECISION	19 November 2024	
REPORT TITLE:	Croydon Health and Wellbeing Board Forward Plan	
CORPORATE DIRECTOR / DIRECTOR:	Andrea Fallon, Interim Director of Public Health	
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LEAD MEMBER:	Councillor Yvette Hopley	
DECISION TAKER:	Health and Wellbeing Board	
AUTHORITY TO TAKE DECISION:	<p>Relevant to the subject matter of this report, The Constitution of the London Borough of Croydon - Part 4.L provide that the functions of the Health and Wellbeing board include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>to exercise the functions of the Council and its partner Clinical Commissioning Groups in preparing a joint strategic needs assessment under section 116 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 and a joint health and wellbeing strategy under section 116A of that Act;</i> • <i>to give the Council the opinion of the Board on whether the Council is discharging its duty to have regard to the joint strategic needs assessment and joint health and wellbeing strategy in discharging the Council's functions.</i> • <i>to agree the delivery plans of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy, and to monitor the delivery plans in fulfilment of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy</i> 	
KEY DECISION?	No	N/A

CONTAINS EXEMPT INFORMATION?	No	Public
WARDS AFFECTED:		All

1 SUMMARY OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report presents the live forward plan for consideration by the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB), identifying planned meetings and development activities to address board requirements. This plan is a live document, which will be reviewed routinely to ensure the HWB can address its requirements.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to:

- 2.1 Note the forward plan, Appendix I hereto, and identify items for future meetings and development activities so that the board can continue to fulfil its statutory duties and deliver the Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JLHWS) for 2024-2029.

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board fulfils several statutory duties, including the development and delivery of the JLHWS. These responsibilities are outlined in the recently updated Terms of Reference.
- 3.2 The live forward plan, Appendix 1 to this report, aims to update members about the upcoming work programme for the board. It also encourages members to identify and propose items for future meetings and development activities, enabling the board to effectively fulfil its duties.

4 BACKGROUND AND DETAILS

- 4.1 The Health and Social Care Act 2012 introduced Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWBs), which became operational on 1 April 2013 in all 152 local authorities with social care and public health responsibilities.
- 4.2 HWBs:
- provide a strong focus on establishing a sense of place;
 - instil a mechanism for joint working and improving the wellbeing of their local population; and
 - set strategic direction to improve health and wellbeing.

- 4.3** Croydon HWB is a formal statutory committee of the Council and provides a forum where political, clinical, professional and community leaders from across the health and care system come together to improve the health and wellbeing of their local populations and reduce health inequalities.
- 4.4** Croydon HWB recently reviewed and refreshed its JLHWS for 2024-2029. This strategy sets out how the board will work together as a partnership, along with Croydon residents, to improve the health and wellbeing of our local communities over the next five years.
- 4.5** Croydon JLHWS identifies five strategic priorities:
- 1- Good mental health and wellbeing for all.
 - 2- Cost of living: supporting our residents to eat, sleep and have heat.
 - 3- Healthy, safe and well-connected neighbourhoods and communities.
 - 4- Supporting our children, young people and families.
 - 5- Supporting our older population to live healthy, independent and fulfilling lives.
- 4.6** Croydon JLHWS identifies five guiding principles that will inform the decisions and actions of the HWB over the next five years:
- 1- Tackling health inequalities.
 - 2- Putting prevention first across all stages of life.
 - 3- Integrated partnership working.
 - 4- Working with our communities to develop shared solutions.
 - 5- Evidence-informed decisions and actions.

5 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1** Not applicable.

6 CONSULTATION

- 6.1** Not applicable. This report presents the forward plan for the Health and Wellbeing Board, which relies on partnership working.

7. CONTRIBUTION TO COUNCIL PRIORITIES

- 7.1** Croydon Health and Wellbeing Board support the delivery of a number of key council priorities, including the following outcomes in Mayor's Business Plan (2022-26)
- Outcome 5. People can lead healthier and independent lives for longer
 - Priority 1. Work with partners and the VCFS to promote independence, health and wellbeing and keep vulnerable adults safe.
 - Priority 2. Work closely with health services and the VCFS to improve resident health and reduce health inequalities.
 - Priority 3. Foster a sense of community and civic life.

- 7.2** The work of the Board also has crosscutting links with several other outcomes in the Mayor's Business plan, including:
- Outcome 3. Children and young people in Croydon have the chance to thrive, learn and fulfil their potential
 - Outcome 4. Croydon is a cleaner, safer and healthier place, a borough we are proud to call home.

8. IMPLICATIONS

8.1 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1.1 There are no direct financial implications as a result of this report. Any future financial impact will be fully considered as part of subsequent reports as they arise.

8.1.2 Comments approved by Lesley Shields, Head of Finance for Assistant Chief Executive and Resources on behalf of the Director of Finance. 03/06/2024

8.2 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

8.2.1 There are no direct legal implications arising as a result of the recommendations in this report.

8.2.2 Approved by: Sandra Herbert, Head of Litigation and Corporate Law on behalf of Stephen Lawrence-Orumwense Director of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer (30/05/2024)

8.3 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

8.3.1 The Council has a statutory duty to comply with the provisions set out in the Sec 149 Equality Act 2010. The Council must therefore have due regard to:

- eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act.
- advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it
- foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

8.3.2 The council is a pilot organisation on the Chief Executive London Councils Tackling Racial Injustice Programme. The programme requires each local authority to understand, acknowledge and support racial trauma as an issue affecting the Global Majority in workplaces.

8.3.3 This forward plan outlines the items scheduled for upcoming board meetings and development activities. While an Equalities Impact Assessment is not pertinent at this stage, such assessments will be undertaken as necessary before commencing any related work.

8.3.4 Comments approved by Ken Orlukwu, Senior Equalities Officer, on behalf of Helen Reeves, Head of Strategy & Policy on 30/05/2024

9. APPENDICES

Appendix I. Health and Wellbeing Board Forward Plan

10. REPORT AUTHORS

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