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DEVELOPMENT OF JOINT STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND JOINT HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY

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Summary

The existing Medway Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS) was adopted by the Council in 2012. This strategy had a 5-year action plan and the 5-year period has now come to an end. To inform the creation of new health and wellbeing priorities for Medway, the Council is reviewing the progress of the current JHWS. It is liaising with partners to ensure the most important issues impacting on the physical and emotional health of the population are addressed. This paper sets out the steps the Council is taking to measure the success of the previous JHWS action plan. It describes the efforts the Council has made to engage with and listen to, the views of local people and other stakeholders. The Council will use the feedback it has received from the public, alongside findings from its wider review, to establish new health and wellbeing priorities for Medway.

1. Budget and Policy Framework

- 1.1 The Health and Social Care Act 2012 places a statutory duty on upper tier local authorities and NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs), to develop a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS). The priorities within a JHWS are derived from a range of sources. The primary source of evidence is generally the area's Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA). Additional information to assist in the development of JHWS priorities comes from a range of partners and key stakeholders and the specific views of local people. National guidance does not specify how long a JHWS should stay in force. It is up to the local authority and CCG to determine the period to be covered by a JHWS.
- 1.2 The JHWS is central to the delivery of the Council Plan and acts as a key link between a number of other council strategies.

2. Background

2.1 The current JHWS, covering the period from 2012–2017, is based on five themes, which are:

- Giving every child a good start;
- Enable our older population to live independently and well;
- Prevent early death and increase years of healthy life;
- Improve physical and mental health and well-being;
- Reduce health inequalities

2.2 These five themes are still important for Medway and still link well to the current Council plan.

3. Options

3.1 Refresh the existing JHWS for the period 2018–2023.

4. Advice and analysis

4.1 The five themes of the JHWS are still important for Medway and relevant for the Council Plan and other strategies. Reviewing progress since 2012 and updating the JHWS will ensure that the JHWS is relevant for the period 2018–2023. The approach to updating the JHWS is outlined below.

4.2 Progress against the actions delivered within each theme since 2012 will be reviewed (see attached appendix 1).

4.3 Priorities and objectives from other Council and partnership strategies related to the JHWS will be identified.

4.4 The findings from the review of progress on delivering against the JHWS themes and overview of the priorities from the related strategies will be tested with key stakeholders. These stakeholders include Assistant Directors in Medway Council whose portfolios relate to the JHWS; officers from the NHS Medway CCG and Healthwatch Medway and other interested parties.

4.5 Key stakeholders will be invited to form a JHWS task and finish group. This group will meet to map the priorities and objectives from existing and any in-planning strategy documents. A priority matrix will be created and these priorities will be benchmarked against the key health and wellbeing domains set out in the Dahlgren and Whitehead “rainbow” model of health. This model forms the basis of the five themes of the Medway JHWS (see Appendix 1, page 14).

4.6 The task and finish group will identify any gaps, e.g. missing strategy documents, or areas of the matrix where more needs to be done.

4.7 Results of the task and finish group’s work and insights from community listening events will be used to refresh the JHWS.

4.8 A diversity impact assessment is not required as the strategy will include consideration of inequalities and the purpose of the JHWS is to reduce health inequalities.

5. Risk management

5.1 See table below.

Risk	Description	Action to avoid or mitigate risk	Risk rating
Limited engagement	If key stakeholders are not available to meet the JHWS may not adequately reflect their views.	Stakeholders will be given four weeks' notice and asked to send a deputy if not available.	C2

6. Consultation

6.1 Engagement with members of the public about the health and wellbeing needs of different areas of Medway has taken place through a series of community listening events. These events have taken place in six localities across Medway. They formed part of a wider initiative to engage with local people and inform them about future developments taking place in the provision of health and social care services in Medway.

6.2 Engagement with professional stakeholders will take place as already described in section 4.

7. Financial implications

7.1 There are no financial implications to Medway Council directly arising from the updating of the JHWS.

8. Legal implications

8.1 The Health and Social Care Act 2012 places a statutory duty on Medway Council and NHS Medway CCG, through the Health and Wellbeing Board, to publish a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy. The period that a JHWS must cover is not defined, however, the current JHWS covers 2012–2017 and a refresh is therefore required.

9. Recommendations

9.1 It is recommended that the Board agrees the planned approach to update the Medway JHWS.

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Appendices

Appendix 1 - JHWS refresh for 2018 to 2023: Background for task and finish group

Background Papers

None.