

Classification: Public

Key Decision: No

Gravesham Borough Council

Report to: Community & Leisure Cabinet Committee
Date: 14 March 2022
Reporting officer: Service Manager: Town Centre & Cultural Services
Subject: Draft Strategy – Youth & Community, Health & Wellbeing Strategy

Purpose and summary of report:

To present Members with a draft of the Youth & Community, Health & Wellbeing Strategy

Recommendations:

1. Members are asked to consider the draft strategy and feed in any comments for consideration.

Key Implications:	
Item	Implications
Legal	<p>Since 1 April 2013 (as set out in the Health and Social Care Act 2012) Local Authorities have been responsible for improving the health of their local population.</p> <p>Whilst, within Kent, this responsibility falls to Kent County Council (KCC) as upper tier authority, it is widely recognised that District Councils are best placed to understand the needs of their community and the best ways to work with them.</p>
Finance and Value for Money	<p>There are no financial implications at this stage. The work set out within the strategy is funded through Public Health or commissioned Youth Services</p>
Corporate Plan	<p>#2 Place – Managing a programme of proactive healthy living interventions; Improve Resident Wellbeing</p> <p>The Corporate Plan sets out commitments to ensure quality spaces that promote active lives, improved facilities and programmes that tackle local health inequalities and to work with partners to help support vulnerable residents.</p>
Climate Change	<p>This report sets out how the Council will support and promote the reduction of health inequalities and improve the overall wellbeing of its residents. The climate change agenda will feed into this through promoting healthy interventions such as local grown, fresh produce, which can reduce the carbon footprint; also of local health initiatives such as walking which also contribute to lowering the impact.</p>

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Council has a duty to take such steps, as it considers appropriate to improve the health of the people in its area, including the provision of information, services or facilities to promote healthy living. Whilst responsibility under the Health & Social Care Act 2012 sits predominantly with County, as upper tier authority, Gravesham is best placed to understand the needs of its communities and how best to work with partners and delivery bodies to ensure those needs are met. This strategy sets out the direction of travel and key strategic objectives to achieve this.
- 1.2 Gravesham Borough Council recognises the impact of health inequalities and that ensuring a healthy community and healthy lifestyles remains a priority. This draft strategy therefore sets out a vision to ensure the health, wellbeing and youth offer for Gravesham's community is fit for 2022 and beyond; and focusses on three strategic objectives:
 - A Health & Wellbeing Offer to be Proud of – enabling Gravesham to be a healthy and safe place
 - A Youth and Community Offer to be Proud of – supporting, involving and engaging the young people of Gravesham in their Borough
 - A partnership led offer - working with community organisations and sector specialists to deliver a relevant and responsive offer
- 1.3 The strategy document sets out a working action plan which, once adopted, will inform the direction of work across the life of the strategy

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 Members are asked to review the document and feed in comments to be considered within final amendments, following which the strategy will be put forward for formal adoption.

3. Appendices

- 3.1 Appendix I Draft Strategy Youth & Community, Health & Wellbeing Strategy.

4. Background Documents

- 4.1 There are no background documents.

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Secondary Implications	
Risk Assessment	The Council has a duty to take such steps as it considers appropriate to improve the health of the people in its area, including the provision of information, services or facilities to promote healthy living. Whilst responsibility under the Health & Social Care Act 2021 sits predominantly with County, as upper tier authority, Gravesham is best placed to understand the needs of its communities and how best to work with partners and delivery bodies to ensure those needs are met. This strategy sets out the direction of travel and key strategic objectives to achieve this.
Data Protection Impact Assessment	<p><i>A data protection impact assessment (DPIA) should be carried out at the start of any major project involving the use of personal data or if you are making a significant change to an existing process.</i></p> <p>a. Does the project/change being recommended through this paper involve the processing of personal data or special category data or criminal offence data? A definition of each type of data can be found on the Information Commissioner's Office website via the above links. No</p> <p>b. If yes to question a, have you completed and attached a DPIA including Data Protection Officer advice?</p> <p>c. If no to question b, please seek advice from your nominated DPIA assessor or the Information Governance Team at gdpr@medway.gov.uk.</p>
Equality Impact Assessment	<p>a. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have potential to cause adverse impact or discriminate against different groups in the community? If yes, please explain answer. No. This paper is seeking to reduce health inequalities for all</p> <p>b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper make a positive contribution to promoting equality? If yes, please explain answer. Yes, as above, this paper is seeking to ensure appropriate mechanisms in place for all members of the community</p> <p><i>In submitting this report, the Chief Officer doing so is confirming that they have given due regard to the equality impacts of the decision being considered, as noted in the table above</i></p>
Crime and Disorder	Effective engagement can support the awareness raising and reporting of crime and disorder by ensuring all members of the community understand services available and how to access them.
Digital and website implications	None
Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults	Effective engagement can support the awareness raising and reporting of safeguarding concerns, as well as reducing impact and issues arising as a result of health inequalities