

Report of	Meeting	Date
Director of Public Protection, Streetscene and Community (Introduced by the Executive Member for Economic Development and Partnerships)	Executive Cabinet	28 August 2014

HEALTH AND WELLBEING - RESPONSE TO THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY TASK GROUP ON HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. This report provides the Executive Cabinet response to the recent Overview and Scrutiny Task Group recommendations on health impact assessments.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

2. It is recommended that Members accept the recommendations made by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Task Group into Health Impact Assessments.
3. It is recommended that Members endorse the actions taken by officers in relation to the recommendations made by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee as outlined below.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF REPORT

4. The Executive Cabinet received a report on 13 February 2014 from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee relating to a task group enquiry into the fitness for purpose of the Councils health impact assessment toolkit.
5. The work of the task group was based around the application of the Councils health impact assessment to the draft Play and Open Spaces Strategy.
6. The task group made seven recommendations in relation to the health impact assessment toolkit as follows:
 - a. The Health Impact Section of the Councils Integrated Impact Assessment be reviewed to provide a set of objectives that are more detailed and fit for purpose to ensure that any future health and wellbeing opportunities can be maximised to their full potential.
 - b. That any Integrated Impact Assessment fully considers and links into the super output areas of the borough.
 - c. That partnership working be fully explored at every stage to ensure greater collaboration and engagement and build on existing experience.
 - d. That the profile of the Integrated Impact Assessments, particularly in relation to the Health Impact be raised with both officers and Elected Members of the Council.

- e. That training be provided to all Elected Members and officers of the Council to provide; greater understanding of the context of the Integrated Impact Assessments; an understanding of its principles and methods; awareness of the different tools and ways of using Health Impact Assessments; the importance of involving stakeholders and service users in the process at every stage development.
- f. Following the end of the consultation the Health Impact Section of the Councils Integrated Impact Assessment be applied to the draft Play, Open Spaces and Playing Pitch Strategy 2013 – 2018 and that any potential impacts are clearly identified within the final report to Executive Cabinet.
- g. That improved processes/projects where the Integrated Impact Assessment is used are regularly monitored and reviewed.

7. In response to these recommendations the following action has been taken or is proposed:

- a. A review of the toolkit has been undertaken and the assessment criteria in relation to health and wellbeing have been amended to reflect the priorities of both the Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board and the local Health and Wellbeing Partnership. The assessment is now made against the following criteria:
 - Starting Well
 - Living Well
 - Aging Well

This considers the impact of the policy/service against these criteria and provides a whole life approach to public health priorities.

- b. One of the primary purposes of the toolkit is to ensure that the impact of any new policy of service is effectively considered across a number of equality areas and demographics. It is recognised that whilst the toolkit does not specifically reference super output areas (SOA's) by implication health inequalities should be an integral part of any assessment to ensure that any impact is positive or any negative impact is mitigated.
- c. It is recognised that many areas of the Councils business is partnership based and where new policies or services are being considered the impact assessment should include some reference to this and ensure that partner actions or input is properly considered as part of the assessment. Where we are able to, we are starting to undertake assessments in conjunction with partners, for example, with Lancashire County Council (Public Health) and South Ribble Borough Council in terms of the Local Development Framework.
- d. This is accepted and a programme of Member and Officer training and update sessions will be provided including a member learning hour and inclusion in the officers organisational development programme.
- e. See (d) above
- f. The Executive Member for People and Director of People and Places will ensure that the final report of the Play and Open Space Strategy includes the health impacts that have been identified as a result of the assessment.

- g. The Executive Cabinet accepts that regular reviews of the toolkit are necessary to ensure it is current and fit for purpose. It is proposed to implement an annual review of the toolkit to ensure this.

Confidential report Please bold as appropriate	Yes	No
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Key Decision? Please bold as appropriate	Yes	No
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REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

(If the recommendations are accepted)

8. To support the improvement and development of the Councils integrated impact assessment toolkit.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

9. None

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

10. This report relates to the following Strategic Objectives:

Involving residents in improving their local area and equality of access for all		A strong local economy	
Clean, safe and healthy communities	√	An ambitious council that does more to meet the needs of residents and the local area	

IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT

11. This report has implications in the following areas and the relevant Directors' comments are included:

Finance	√	Customer Services	
Human Resources		Equality and Diversity	√
Legal	√	Integrated Impact Assessment required?	
No significant implications in this area		Policy and Communications	

COMMENTS OF THE STATUTORY FINANCE OFFICER

12. There are no comments

COMMENTS OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

13. There are no comments from my perspective.

COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF POLICY AND COMMUNICATIONS

14. The integrated impact assessment tool is a key element in supporting the council to meet its obligations around equality and diversity, and the changes that have been made will help to keep it fit for purpose.

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There are no background papers to this report.

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