

## **Healthy and Happy Communities: Devon Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy Update Report of the Chief Officer for Communities, Public Health, Environment and Prosperity**

**Recommendation:** That the board note the addition of the new sub-priority in the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy, and review board champion roles for the four main priority areas

### **1. Context**

1.1 'Healthy and Happy Communities', Devon's Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy for 2020-25 was approved by the Board in October 2019 and adopted from January 2020 onwards.

1.2 During 2020, the coronavirus pandemic has had a considerable impact in relation to health and wellbeing, the economy and wider society. The July 2020 Health and Wellbeing Board included a session on these impacts and a review of Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy priorities to ensure the strategy is fit for purpose.

### **2. Changes to Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy**

2.1 Discussion at the July 2020 Health and Wellbeing Board confirmed that the existing strategy, with its priorities around creating opportunities for all, supporting communities, focusing on mental health and maintaining good health for all, remains fit for purpose. The impacts of the pandemic in relation to employment, mental health and loneliness, access to education and health inequalities were identified as being particularly areas of focus which relate to themes already included within the strategy.

2.2 The board agreed to a further sub-priority (4e) to be added under priority four 'maintain good health for all' to reflect the importance on public health measures in controlling the spread of infectious disease:

*Promote public health interventions to prevent the spread of infectious disease*

The online version of the strategy <https://www.devonhealthandwellbeing.org.uk/strategies/> has been updated to reflect this.

2.3 Further to this, a review is required to the Health and Wellbeing Board champions listed against each priority in the strategy, who advocate for work in these areas and provide a link to other partnerships, given that two previous champions are no longer members of the board. The current allocations exist for existing board members is as follows:

<b>Priority</b>	<b>Health and Wellbeing Board champion(s)</b>
1. Create opportunities for all	Cllr Leadbetter
2. Healthy, safe, strong and sustainable communities	Cllr Croad, Dr Virginia Pearson, Jeremy Mann
3. Focus on mental health	
4. Maintain good health for all	Dr Paul Johnson

### **3. Conclusions and Recommendations**

3.1 Board members should note the addition of the new sub-priority to the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

3.2 The board should review the Health and Wellbeing champions allocated to strategy priorities and update as required.

### **4. Risk Management Considerations**

Not applicable.

### **5. Options/Alternatives**

Not applicable.

### **6. Public Health Impact**

Priorities in the strategy are focused on reducing health inequalities, protecting the health of the population and improving the wider determinants of health.

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