

SEVENOAKS DISTRICT HEALTH INEQUALITIES ACTION PLAN

Economic & Community Development Advisory Committee – 24 October 2013

Report of Chief Officer Communities & Business

Status: For Consideration

Also considered by: Cabinet – 5 December 2013

Key Decision: No

Executive Summary: The Sevenoaks District Health Inequalities Action Plan sets out objectives and actions that will help to reduce health inequalities across the District.

This report supports the Key Aim of reducing health inequalities and improve health and wellbeing for all

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Recommendation to Economic & Community Development Advisory Committee:

Members' views are sought.

Recommendation to Cabinet:

That the Sevenoaks District Health Inequalities Action Plan be agreed and adopted.

Reason for recommendation: Adoption of the Action Plan will assist in reducing health inequalities within the Sevenoaks District.

Introduction and Background

- 1 Members may recall that the Health & Social Care Act 2012 set up a new Public Health Service called Public Health England. At the local level in Kent, responsibility for the public health function has been given to Kent County Council.
- 2 District Councils in Kent have been asked to lead on the production of an action plan which can demonstrate how the County-wide objectives can be delivered locally. The Sevenoaks District Health Inequalities Action Plan is set out at Appendix A.
- 3 Widespread consultation has taken place starting with workshops led by Professor Chris Bentley to help determine local actions to meet identified priorities. The

Sevenoaks District Health Action Team and the Health Liaison Board have also been consulted.

Sevenoaks District Health Overview

- 4 Calculation of life expectancy at birth is a national measurement used to assess differences between affluent and deprived wards. The draft Action Plan shows that the overall difference in life expectancy in the Sevenoaks District based on ward differs by 6 years for men and 11.6 years for women.
- 5 The 2012 Sevenoaks District Health Profile set out the key health priorities for the Sevenoaks District:
 - There is a significant difference in life expectancy between the most deprived and most affluent wards.
 - The District has the second highest prevalence of Type 2 Diabetes in West Kent and this number is expected to rise over the next 15 years.
 - Around 16.1% of year 6 children in the District are classified as obese and with 23.9% of adults being classed as obese.
 - An estimated 18% of adults smoke.
 - Six out of the 74 smallest measurable areas in the District are more deprived than the UK average.
 - 11.6% of children in this District are in families on out of work benefits and children in two wards are within the top 20% of child poverty levels in relation to the county and national average.
- 6 The Action Plan provides a framework and tools to identify, analyse and evaluate actions that can contribute to reducing health inequalities in the Sevenoaks District.
- 7 The Action Plan sets out six objectives and actions to reduce health inequalities across the District:
 - Give every child the best start in life
 - Enable all children, young people and adults to maximise their capabilities and have control over their lives
 - Create fair employment and good work for all
 - Ensure a healthy standard of living for all
 - Create and develop healthy and sustainable places and communities
 - Strengthen the role and impact of ill health prevention

- 8 A copy of the draft Action Plan is available on the Council's website with the agenda papers and a copy is available in the Members' Room. Officers will be pleased to answer any questions relating to the detail of the draft Action Plan in advance of the meeting.
- 9 The draft Action Plan will also be considered at an informal meeting of the Health Liaison Board in November 2013.

Key Implications

Financial

- 10 Sevenoaks District Council received £130,741 from Kent County Council in 2013/14 for the delivery of prevention programmes and it is hoped that this funding will also be received in 2014/15.

Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement.

- 11 There are no legal implications relating to this report.

Risk	Mitigation
Health interventions are scaled back for 2014/15 due to a reduction in funding	Health interventions will be targeted at those in the greatest need

Equality Impacts

Consideration of impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty:		
Question	Answer	Explanation / Evidence
a. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have potential to disadvantage or discriminate against different groups in the community?	No	The Action Plan will have a positive impact in reducing health inequalities across the District.
b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have the potential to promote equality of opportunity?	Yes	
c. What steps can be taken to mitigate, reduce, avoid or minimise the impacts identified above?		N/A

Sustainability Checklist

- 12 A sustainability checklist has been completed and published on the website.

Conclusions

- 13 The Sevenoaks District Health Inequalities Action sets out objectives and actions that will help to reduce health inequalities across the District. Members' views will be taken into account in the final Action Plan.

Appendices

A copy of the Sevenoaks District Health Inequalities Action Plan is available on the website and a hard copy is available in the Members' Room and Argyle Road Reception.

Background Papers:

[Sevenoaks District Community Plan](#)

[Public Health Outcomes Framework Indicators](#)

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