

DISTRICT'S HEALTH PRIORITIES

Health Liaison Board – 25 November 2015

Report of Chief Officer Communities & Business

Status: For Information

Key Decision: No

Executive Summary: To consult with Members about this Council's health priorities and how they can be delivered through existing functions to apply a holistic approach to health improvement

This report supports the Key Aim of reducing health inequalities and improving health and wellbeing

Portfolio Holder Cllr. Lowe

Contact Officer(s) Hayley Brooks Ext. 7272

Recommendation to Health Liaison Board: That the report be noted.

Introduction and Background

- 1 This Council works with key partners including Kent Public Health Team, GP Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG's), local health and social care providers and the voluntary sector to meet the Healthy Environment priorities within the Community Plan to reduce health inequalities and improve the health and wellbeing of residents.
- 2 This Council is represented by an elected Member and Officer on two local Health and Wellbeing Boards (Dartford, Gravesham & Swanley and West Kent) and contributes to the operation of the Board to meet local health needs and develop partnership arrangements between Kent County Council, CCG's and District Councils to improve population health.
- 3 The Sevenoaks District Health Inequalities Action Plan, co-ordinated by this Council, monitors the work across partnerships to contribute to the priorities based on national and local statistical health profile data. The Plan is monitored by the quarterly Health Action Team partnership and reported to Members annually.
- 4 This Council's frontline services, public assets and local partnerships have a unique and multi-dimensional role in improving health outcomes across the wider determinants of health, health improvement and health protection with local communities.

- 5 Over the last six years, this Council has been commissioned by Public Health, which is now the responsibility of Kent County Council, to deliver a range of health and wellbeing prevention programmes.

The District's Offer to Improving Health

- 6 Public Health reforms have enhanced the District's role in improving health outcomes for local residents. A range of services offered by this Council have a vital impact on the wider determinants of health, as well as health improvement and health protection.
- 7 This Council aims to take a strategic approach to public health across all services. This will help to better align and target our resources to health and wellbeing priorities and focus on achieving health improvements for local residents.
- 8 The influence of the wider determinants of health requires intelligence-led and preventative approach to service delivery being increased, and where possible, for this Council to build health into policy decisions and strategic plans, as well as frontline service delivery to have an impact on improving health holistically.

The Wider Determinants of Health

- 9 Health inequalities for this District can have a major impact on people's health. Differences in health status reflected in differing social and economic conditions of local communities can play a major part of a person's short and long term health.
- 10 Influencing these wider determinants on health can focus on the root causes of ill health and enabling services and decisions to have a positive impact on helping residents to lead fulfilling and healthy lives.
- 11 There are key functions delivered by this Council that can play a significant role in preventing ill health for example Planning, Licensing, Environmental Health, Community Safety and Housing. Further information on the functions can be found in the Appendix.

Key Implications

Financial

- 12 There are no financial implications for the Council associated to this report.

Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement.

- 13 There are no legal implications for the Council associated to this report.

Equality Assessment

- 14 No decision is required as part of this paper and therefore no perceived impact on end users.

Conclusions

- 15 For Members to consider this Council's health priorities and links with existing Council functions to holistically deliver health improvement for local residents.

Appendices

Appendix A – District Council's Offer to Improving Health

Background Papers:

District Council's Network – District Action on Public Health Publication:

<http://districtcouncils.info/files/2013/02/District-Action-on-Public-Health.pdf>

Lesley Bowles
Chief Officer Communities & Business