

DISTRICT DEAL AND HEALTH PRIORITIES

Housing and Health Advisory Committee - 22 March 2016

Report of Chief Officer Communities & Business

Status: For Information

Key Decision: No

Executive Summary: This report provides Members with an update on the potential health improvement arrangements and work on the three key health priorities

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

Portfolio Holder Cllr. Lowe

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Recommendation to Housing And Health Advisory Committee: That the report be noted.

Introduction and Background

- 1 This Council works with key partners including Kent Public Health Team, GP Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs), 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 each of the 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 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.
- 4 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.

- 5 Officers have been working with the Portfolio Holder on a District Deal which will outline possible future working arrangements with Kent County Council to deliver locally based health prevention and improvement services as part of a partnership agreement.

Key Health Priorities

- 6 Health inequalities within 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.
- 7 This Council has a key role to play in influencing the wider determinants of health. This involves building good health practices into policy decisions and strategic plans, as well as frontline services to have a positive impact on improving health across services.
- 8 Three key health priorities have been identified for this District which include:
- Tackling the rise of obesity
 - Supporting people's mental wellbeing and dementia
 - Supporting older people to lead fulfilled and independent lives
- 9 The Kings Fund Report outlines the greater role district councils can have on improving the health and wellbeing of local residents. Some of the key functions delivered by this Council that can play a significant role in preventing ill health include Housing, Planning, Licensing, Environmental Health, Community Safety, Economic Development and Planning.
- 10 Members will be updated at the meeting with a presentation on this work.

Key Implications

Financial

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

Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement.

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

Equality Assessment

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

Conclusions

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

Background Papers: District Council's Network - The Kings Fund Report - The district council contribution to public health: a time of challenge and opportunity:

http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/sites/files/kf/field/field_publication_file/district-council-contribution-to-public-health-nov15.pdf

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