

DECISION-MAKER:	HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD		
SUBJECT:	DRAFT HEALTH INEQUALITIES FRAMEWORK		
DATE OF DECISION:	29 JULY 2015		
REPORT OF:	DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY			
None.			

BRIEF SUMMARY

The Health and Wellbeing Board agreed at the formal Board meeting in March 2015 that further work be undertaken to identify priorities to tackle health inequalities in the City. This report outlines the recommendations from the Reference Group and draft Health Inequalities Framework.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) To consider and agree the following recommendations to support the further development of the Health Inequalities Framework.
 - a) Development of Consultation and Engagement Process as part of Health and Wellbeing Strategy Development.
 - b) Assign accountability and develop implementation plan for high impact actions.
 - c) Development of Community Resilience Theme.
 - d) Health equality proof commissioning and policy development across Health and Wellbeing Board partner agencies.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The draft Health Inequalities Framework has been developed to support the next iteration of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy. It proposes core themes for action to address health inequalities in the City. The recommendations proposed in the Framework provide a focus for next steps in the process. They include the development of a wider consultation process and stakeholder engagement in determining priority areas for action.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

2. None.

DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)

3. Draft Framework produced as pre-consultation phase prior to development and consultation on Health and Wellbeing Strategy in Autumn 2015.
4. The Draft Health Inequalities Framework attached to this report has been developed by the Health Inequalities Reference Group. The Group was established to progress a short life project to identify the principles, themes and priority actions to tackle the persistent social gradient in health outcomes in the City.
5. The Group has met on 3 occasions and the Draft Framework attached proposes:
 - Core Principles to underpin action on health inequalities
 - Core Themes for action. These reflect the social determinants of health and a focus on ill health prevention.Preliminary High Impact Actions to tackle health inequalities.
6. The recommendations are proposed by the Reference Group to support the further development of the Health Inequalities Framework.

Recommendation 1 – Development of Consultation and Engagement Process as part of Health and Wellbeing Strategy Development.

7. It is proposed that a partner and key stakeholder consultation process is developed and implemented in early Autumn 2015 to :
 - Support consensus building on key principles/core themes and progress discussion to agree high impact actions.
 - Expand the picture of current activity underway across core themes.
 - Implement consultation with local population (community/voluntary groups and wider population).
 - Inform the focus of the next iteration of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

Recommendation 2 – Assign accountability and develop implementation plan for high impact actions.

8. It is proposed that as part of the consultation process and agreement on high impact actions the following are identified.
 - Lead agency and accountable officers.
 - Definition and work up of delivery plan and “success” metrics for each action area (with agreed reporting mechanism and timescales to Health and Wellbeing Board)

Recommendation 3 – Development of Community Resilience Theme

9. It is proposed that further work be undertaken to develop a comprehensive picture of activity underway across the City. This would support the development of a collective approach to increasing community resilience and tackling loneliness and social isolation.

Recommendation 4 – Health equality proof commissioning and policy development across Health and Wellbeing Board partner agencies.

10. It is proposed that a common approach is developed by Joint Health and Wellbeing Board partners to support the following:
 - Health equity proofing policy

Implementation of health inequality as a core theme for application of the Social Value Act (2012) as part of commissioning and procurement processes.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital/Revenue

11. None

Property/Other

12. N/A

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

13. N/A

Other Legal Implications:

14. N/A

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

15. None

KEY DECISION?

No (Joint Health & Wellbeing Board will determine future work as part of Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy development)

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	
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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices

1.	Draft Southampton Inequalities Framework
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Documents In Members' Rooms

1.	None
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Equality Impact Assessment

Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) to be carried out.	No
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Other Background Documents

Equality Impact Assessment and Other Background documents available for inspection at:

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