

DECISION-MAKER:	HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD		
SUBJECT:	HOUSING AND HEALTH IN SOUTHAMPTON		
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 endorsed the Housing and Health Fuel Poverty Plan at their March meeting. In recognition of the impact of housing on health, the Board requested a report describing health impact and opportunities to improve health through joined up housing related approaches (Appendix 1).

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) To acknowledge the broad range of housing related services currently operating in the city and support the recommendations of the paper, these are:
 - a) Align strategic intentions for housing and health under HWBB and ensure a strategic approach to provision of housing services for those who are most vulnerable i.e. needs based rather than self-referral.
 - b) Protect housing initiatives that are working well, where possible, seek to evaluate the impact of local existing and new approaches on health and social care resource use and well-being.
 - c) Support the Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel recommendations on homelessness.
 - d) Extend the HMO licensing scheme to all HMOs across the City to ensure conditions in the private rented sector are improved.
 - e) Support strategies to encourage behaviour change and early intervention to reduce demand for social housing and adaptations.
 - f) Exploration of the use of Social Return On Investment approaches to determine future health and well-being

priorities for the city.

- g) Support the Southampton Warmth for All Partnership (SWAP) to ensure City wide partnership working on this agenda, especially in the development of bids for future funding.
- h) Align the work of SWAP with the Better Care Programme Framework and engage the Integrated Care Board on fuel poverty agenda and potential for developing a warmth on prescription scheme.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Recommendations were made by the housing and health writing group in light of the evidence, national guidance and strategic intent, local developments and future funding opportunities.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

2. The paper is for information and discussion; it represents the beginning of a new way of working. Alternative options and priority groups for funding may be identified through future consultation with housing association providers and community representatives.

DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)

3. Following the Housing And Health Fuel Poverty Plan 2014-2017 reported to the Health and Wellbeing Board on 25th March 2015 the Board agreed to receive the report on housing and health at its next formal meeting on July 29th 2015.
4. It was agreed that the paper will cover:
 - Overview of housing in the City**
 - The housing stock in the City including tenure, age, type, location.
 - Residential homes, housing with care.
 - Housing quality**
 - What the condition is of homes in both the public and private sector.
 - Making homes accessible for people with disabilities, now and in the future.
 - Assessment of the impact on the health and wellbeing of residents.
 - Strategic overview**
 - National strategic approach.
 - Overview of related local strategies, plans and services

This will include: Housing strategy, empty properties, regulation in the private rented sector, planning, performance and City Plan and Better Care Fund.

 - Housing availability**
 - Homelessness (including outcome of recent member led enquiry into single homeless people)
 - Allocation of social housing
 - Overcrowding
 - Housing needs**
 - Needs of residents now and in the medium term.
5. The Housing and Health Report, attached at Appendix 1, submits the key evidence to the Board, including:

- The link between housing and health
 - National guidance and local housing related strategies
 - Current initiatives and case studies
 - Return on investment as an approach to assess local value
 - Recommendations to improve health
6. Evidence of health impact and inequalities is strongest in relation to cold and damp homes. The attached report focuses on this aspect.
 7. Contributions to the report came from a range of different services and organisations. The writing group is listed on page 34 of the report. In addition Rob Kurn (HealthWatch), Peter Bennie (AgeUK) and Sara Crawford (Chair of the Anti-Poverty network) were also consulted.
 8. The Board is asked to consider the evidence, conclusions and recommendations to acknowledge the broad range of housing related services currently operating in the city and support the 8 recommendations, as set out on pages 33-34 of the report.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital/Revenue

9. Future bidding opportunities for other capital and revenue resources are highly likely. To ensure quality bids, it will be important to prioritise release of staff from organisations to develop these.

Property/Other

10. There are no property implications.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

11. The principal aim of the report is to promote wellbeing and reduce impact of poor housing on the health of Southampton Residents; as required by the Care Act 2014. Other legislation including the Housing Act 2004 would be relevant for specific elements, initiatives and work programmes.

Other Legal Implications:

12. There are no other legal implications.

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

13. Nationally, the Government has set a fuel poverty target within the National Fuel Poverty Strategy. Locally, the report has drawn from the following:
 - Southampton Health and Well-being Strategy
 - The Housing Strategy 2011-2015
 - Southampton Green City Strategy
 - Homelessness prevention strategy
 - Better Care
 - The Fuel Poverty Plan 2014-17

KEY DECISION? No

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	All wards.
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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices

1.	Housing and health in Southampton
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Documents In Members' Rooms

	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:

Title of Background Paper(s)

Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)