

## **Meeting of the Health Select Committee – 23 November 2023**

### **Report of the Director Public Health**

### **Health, Wellbeing and Inequalities Strategy 2023-2028**

#### **Purpose of report**

1. This is Dudley's new Joint Health, Wellbeing and Inequalities Strategy 2023-28 which has been developed by the Health and Wellbeing Board.

#### **Recommendations**

2. The Committee is asked to note Dudley's new Health, Wellbeing and Inequalities Strategy 2023-2028 and its new goals.

#### **Background**

3. Following consideration of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA), Dudley's Health and Wellbeing Board agreed three goals for its new strategy at its March meeting, underpinned by an approach to reducing health inequalities. The strategy has been developed with the focus on the following three goals:
  1. Children are ready for school
  2. Fewer people die from circulatory disease
  3. More women are screened for breast cancer
4. The strategy includes:
  - A foreword from Cllr Bevan, Chair of the HWB
  - Views from residents and communities about what makes Dudley a great place
  - A section for each individual goal setting out the HWB's aspirations, including on reducing health inequalities, some background to the issue in Dudley, and what the HWB will do during the lifetime of the strategy

- The commitment of HWB partner organisations.
5. The strategy has been published here [[HWB Strategy 2023-2028](#)]
  6. All partners have communicated the strategy and its key messages to residents and staff and will promote the strategy through existing communication channels.
  7. Goal leads have been assigned from partner organisations and the HWB Board is proactively monitoring progress against the three goals.
  8. Community engagement is a fundamental part of Dudley's approach to improving health and wellbeing and reducing health inequalities, and communities will be involved in various aspects of work around the goals.

### **Finance**

9. There are no direct financial implications of this strategy.

### **Law**

10. The Health and Wellbeing Board has a statutory duty to produce and deliver a Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Dudley to help improve health and wellbeing in the local population and reduce health inequalities.

### **Risk Management**

11. There are no specific risks arising from the strategy.

### **Equality Impact**

12. The strategy makes specific consideration of health inequalities. For each goal, there is an outcome measure associated with the reduction of inequalities and also consideration of where specific population groups have poorer outcomes. Across all of the 3 goals we will embed an approach to reduce health inequalities – to close the gap in health and wellbeing for the most disadvantaged families and communities.

### **Human Resources/Organisational Development**

13. There are no direct human resources or organisational development implications of this strategy.

### **Commercial/Procurement**

14. There are no direct commercial/procurement implications of this strategy.

## **Environment/Climate Change**

15. There are no direct environment/climate change implications of this strategy.

## **Council Priorities and Projects**

16. The Health, Wellbeing and Inequalities Strategy directly contributes to Dudley being a place of healthy, resilient, safe communities with high aspirations and the ability to shape their own future and the 2030 goal of improved health outcomes and higher wellbeing.
17. The Health and Wellbeing Board fits under Dudley's Forging the Future Vision providing a focus on health and wellbeing and working collaboratively with other strategic boards including the Integrated Health and Care Partnership to improve the lives of residents.



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## **Appendices**

*Appendix 1 – Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2023-2028*