

## EAST HERTS COUNCIL

HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 16 FEBRUARY  
2016

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REPORT BY EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR HEALTH AND WELLBEING

APPROVAL OF THE EAST HERTS HEALTH AND WELLBEING  
WORKPLAN 2016/17

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WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL

### **Purpose/Summary of Report**

- To seek members approval for the 2016/17 East Herts Health and Wellbeing Workplan

<b><u>RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE :</u></b>
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<b>(A)</b>	<b>the proposed East Herts Health and Wellbeing Strategy Work-plan for 2016/17 be agreed.</b>
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### 1.0 Background

1.1 On October 16 2013 the Council approved its second Public Health Strategy, the East Herts Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2013-2018. The new strategy combines the life course approach connected with the original principles of the first East Herts Public Health Strategy. The current Health and Wellbeing Strategy seeks to mainstream the public health role within the Council and its partners. It will help in delivering projects and partnership approaches that bring improved health outcomes to the residents of East Herts.

1.2 At the start of each year, the Council approves a workplan which supports the priorities identified in the East Herts Health and Wellbeing Strategy. The workplan lists projects that the Council will undertake. The workplan runs for the 12-month period and is reviewed after six

months of work and at the end of the fiscal year; after which a new workplan is approved.

## 2.0 Relationship to Projects considered under the 'District Offer'

2.1 East Herts Council has a long history of allocating funding to support public health focused projects which would benefit the residents of East Herts. In 2008 this work was formally coordinated by the introduction of a public health strategy and workplan.

2.2 In 2014, Councillor Teresa Heritage, Executive Member for Public Health and Localism at Hertfordshire County Council wrote to the Council offering funding towards public health initiatives for 2014/15 and 2015/16. The funding totalled £100,000 per annum. The same offer was made to the other District and Borough Councils in Hertfordshire and is known as the 'District Offer'.

## 3.0 Community Health and Wellbeing Fund 2014-2016

3.1 The East Herts Health and Wellbeing Strategy workplan supports the Council's public health commitment and aligns with the Hertfordshire Public Health Strategy principles. The District Offer supports delivery of mutually agreed public health outcomes reflecting the population need identified in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and local health profiles.

3.2 District Offer projects are likely to require greater financial support than smaller health and wellbeing projects and will therefore be subject to more detailed assessment. The Assessment panel involved officer representation and was chaired by the Executive Member for Health and Wellbeing.

3.3 Because the District Offer projects are subject to separate scrutiny, they will not form part of the East Herts Health and Wellbeing Strategy workplan while the District Offer funding is available.

3.4 The 2016/17 workplan contains 6 new projects, and 19 core projects. The Council plans to undertake these before the end of March 2017 and address the priorities of the East Herts Health and Wellbeing Strategy which are:

- Healthy children starting off well
- Empowering children, young people and adults to achieve their life potential

- Creating health and work together
- Promoting positive health and wellbeing life quality for all
- Healthy places and sustainable communities
- Pro-active health prevention
- Council's Power of Influence

#### 4.0 Project Tracking and Progress

- 4.1 The planned projects for 2016/17 to be undertaken by the Council and external partners will have their progress tracked and reported annually in June 2017 at the year-end stage.
- 4.2 The projects will involve various different levels of interaction from a population/community level to a more personalised or group level utilising a range of public health models and ways of working. More details as to the content and form of the projects are shown in the format of a Highlight and Exception Report found in **Essential Reference Paper 'B'**.

#### 5.0 Implications/Consultations

- 5.1 Information on any corporate issues and consultation associated with this report can be found within **Essential Reference Paper 'A'**.

### **Background Papers**

- East Herts Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2013-2018  
<http://www.eastherts.gov.uk/wellbeing>
- Hertfordshire Public Health Strategy  
<http://www.hertsdirect.org/your-council/hcc/publichealth/>
- Joint Strategic Needs Assessment  
<http://jsna.hertslis.org>
- Local health profiles  
<http://www.healthprofiles.info/>

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