

Essential Reference Paper 'B'

Summary of East Herts Council's role in fostering health and wellbeing across the district

East Herts Council Service	Contribution to Health and Wellbeing
Environmental Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advice, regulation and enforcement roles• Tackle air pollution, including declaring Air Quality Management Areas and drawing up action plans• Regulate food hygiene and health and safety standards• Monitor the quality of private housing stock and enforcing minimum standards• Promoting economic development and vibrant town centres• Bring empty homes back to use for those who need somewhere to live• Work with Hertfordshire County Council to provide adaptations to properties to aid those living with disabilities• Enable behavioural change for healthier lifestyles, including through individual interactions with businesses and residents, resolving issues such as legislative compliance, or nuisance and enforcing smoking legislation
Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide rehousing advice and practical support to those facing homelessness• Work with agencies to provide and refer to supported housing, ensuring access to and support vulnerable people including young people, those requiring mental health and learning disability support travellers, and other groups• Maximise the number of new affordable homes developed• Monitor the decency of housing facilities and healthy living conditions• Provide adaptations to housing to support ageing well and independent living

Licensing services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure taxi drivers provide safe transport • Regulating events and licensed premises, ensuring the safe of alcohol and other restricted goods
Community safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead the partnership of agencies focusing on crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour to maintain East Herts as one of the safest places to live in the entire country • Assist in sustaining safe neighbourhoods and environments in which people can live thrive
Operations / Environmental Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide leisure and indoor sports facilities • Identify and target barriers to physical activity • Develop safe and accessible walkways and cycle routes connecting shops, schools, housing, town centres, work places, recreational area and so on • Tackle fuel poverty • Contribute to maintaining healthy and hygienic public spaces and thus encourage walking and cycling
Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure the built environment incorporates and protects green and open spaces, includes facilities for exercise and leisure • Promote sustainable transport facilities in new developments such as cycle and walk paths, charging points for electric vehicles • Take air quality issues into account
Revenues and Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote fair access to support services particularly among vulnerable and deprived groups • Make referrals to other services, such as East Herts Council's housing service, Citizen's Advice Bureau (CAB) and the like
Communications, Strategy and Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise awareness about public health and wellbeing events using online and printed presence • Inform policy and support evidence-led decision-making, assisting officers and elected members to identify key public health issues and the most

	<p>effective ways of tackling them</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote business growth and vibrant town centres; research indicates that people in employment and with access to social networks are less likely to suffer from isolation and associated mental health issues
Finance and Property	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through the council's role as landlord and agent overseeing the use and development of assets, promote economic development and healthy living
HR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enable behavioural change and healthier choices among staff by, for example, providing information to officer such as through the staff intranet and briefings • Promote schemes and strategies such as 'Herts Healthy Workplace', discount schemes aimed at encouraging healthy behaviours, regular eye tests, exercise, better food choices • Encourage staff volunteering and 'giving back' to communities