

## Health and Wellbeing Board

10<sup>th</sup> September 2018

### Health and Wellbeing Board Task and Finish Group Action Plan Update – ‘Improving Health and Wellbeing through Planning/Development Control’

#### 1. Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to members of the Health and Wellbeing Board on progress with delivery of the action plan of the ‘Improving Health and Wellbeing through Planning/Development Control’ task and finish group.

The report also looks at the relationship of this plan with the Council’s ‘Shaping a Sustainable Healthy Environment’ Transformation Programme.

#### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Health and Wellbeing Board notes the update on delivery of the planning action plan and agrees that this work will now be mainstreamed as part of normal Council processes via the Council’s ‘Shaping a Sustainable Healthy Environment’ Transformation Programme.

#### 3. Report detail

- A report came to the Health and Wellbeing Board in February 2018 providing feedback on a workshop held in November 2017. This focused on ways to influence planning mechanisms to bring about improvements in the Health and Wellbeing of Walsall residents. The report also presented an action plan developed following the workshop.
- Progress on the action plan is as below.
  - **At a regional level:**
    - progression with the review of The Black Country Core Strategy is ongoing. Public Health provided a response to the first stage review of the Black Country Core Strategy (BCCS) and both Walsall Planning and Walsall Public Health are represented on the BCCS Health Sub-group.
    - Partners across the Black Country are reviewing the BCCS up to 2036. As part of this work, we are considering ways in which our housing need might best be met. There will be further opportunities to look at site-specific health provision.

○ **At a local level:**

- In February 2018, the focus of work was on the development of Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) around areas of concern and the potential to restrict forms of development linked to poor health. Following presentation to the Board, officers have looked at a range of SPDs in place across the country and have shifted emphasis to an approach that might have a stronger focus on promoting positive measures to improve health and wellbeing. Officers are now working on the development of an SPD taking this approach and will be engaging with Portfolio Holders.
- Officers are represented on the Council's 'Shaping a Sustainable Healthy Environment' Transformation Programme and report back on progress on actions as part of this group.

#### **4. Implications for Joint Working arrangements**

Joint working is at the heart of this work and the successful delivery of identified actions will require an ongoing joint working/partnership approach. Partners in this work have included the Police and CCG.

The Joint Working will assist in ensuring that policies and procedures identify health as a key driver and bring together partner agencies, responsible authorities and interested parties in ensuring planning consultations and policy changes are given appropriate consideration and subsequent decisions made in relation to these matters are robust, lawful and in line with strategic priorities.

#### **5. Health and Wellbeing Priorities**

With an aim to explore the Council planning process, and opportunities, this work will contribute to all three of the key priorities within the Walsall Plan:

- Increasing economic prosperity through increased growth
- Maximising people's health, wellbeing and safety
- Creating healthy and sustainable places and communities.

### **Background papers**

Appendix I - Action Plan

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