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**Meeting:** Social Care, Health and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee  
**Date:** 18 October 2012  
**Subject:** Draft Health and Wellbeing Strategy  
**Report of:** Cllr Hegley, Executive Member for Social Care, Health and Housing  
**Summary:** The report presents the draft Health and Wellbeing Strategy (HWBS) for Central Bedfordshire. The report seeks the views of the Committee as part of a 12 week public consultation that concludes on 29 October 2012.

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**Public/Exempt:** Public  
**Wards Affected:** All  
**Function of:** Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board

## **CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

### **Council Priorities:**

1. The Health and Wellbeing Strategy (HWBS) will contribute to improving the health wellbeing of all residents of Central Bedfordshire and will support the delivery of the Council priority to Promote health and wellbeing and protect the vulnerable.

### **Financial:**

2. None directly arising from this report.

### **Legal:**

3. None directly arising from this report.

### **Risk Management:**

4. None directly arising from this report.

### **Staffing (including Trades Unions):**

5. Not Applicable.

### **Equalities/Human Rights:**

6. All public bodies have a statutory duty to advance equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and foster good relations in respect of nine protected characteristics; age disability, gender re-assignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation. Decisions should be made in a way which minimises unfairness and inequality.
7. The HWBS has been subject to an equality impact assessment and Members will want to consider whether the priorities contained in the Strategy will have a substantial impact on a particular protected characteristic even if the numbers of people may be small.

## **Public Health**

8. The HWBS sets out nine priority outcomes that will make a real difference to the health and wellbeing of residents in Central Bedfordshire. These outcomes, which are detailed in the Strategy's appendix will have a significant impact on the public's health. The HWBS will also contribute to two themes of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment which are:-
- Investing in early intervention and prevention (for both adults and children) will help increase lifetime opportunities for all, ultimately reducing the need for health and social care support later in life.
  - There is no health without mental health, therefore improving mental health and wellbeing remains a priority.

## **Community Safety:**

9. Not Applicable.

## **Sustainability:**

10. Not Applicable.

## **Procurement:**

11. Not applicable.

## **RECOMMENDATION(S):**

**The Social Care, Health and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider the Draft Health and Wellbeing Strategy and comment as appropriate.**

## **Background**

12. Central Bedfordshire Council and the Bedfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group are currently consulting on a draft Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Central Bedfordshire.
13. Central Bedfordshire's Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board, established in 2011, brings together representatives of health, local authorities including elected members, service users and patients to ensure that decisions about services meet local needs and are informed by local people.
14. The work of the Shadow Board will be underpinned by the Health and Wellbeing Strategy which tackles the needs identified within the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment. This strategy outlines the proposed top priorities for improving the health and wellbeing of people in Central Bedfordshire.

## **Consultation on the Draft Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Central Bedfordshire**

15. The Shadow Board is currently seeking views on the draft strategy and the priorities contained within it. The Board is consulting with a number of different stakeholders, including their statutory and third sector partners and the public who are central to their vision. It is vital to the development of the strategy that stakeholders and members of the public give their views on the proposals, so that the Board produces a fit for purpose strategy.

16. Responses will be considered by members of the Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board on conclusion of the consultation period on 29 October 2012. The responses to the consultation and recommendations to amend the strategy accordingly will then be considered by the Board at the meeting held in public on 8th November 2012
17. A copy of the consultation report is available on the Council's website and electronic copies are be available on request.

### **Conclusion**

18. The Committee is asked to consider the draft Health and Wellbeing Strategy (Appendix A) and the associated questionnaire (Appendix B) with a view to providing a response that can be provided as part of the consultation process.

### **Appendices:**

**Appendix A:** Draft Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Central Bedfordshire

**Appendix B:** Questionnaire on the Draft Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Central Bedfordshire

**Background papers and their location:** None