

Report for:	Health in Dacorum Committee
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If Part II, reason:	

Title of report:	Health and Social Care Commissioning and the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment - Update
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Purpose of report:	1.To update the Committee on recent changes to the Council's approach to health and wellbeing 2.To introduce proposals for a new structure which will facilitate better working arrangements supporting this approach.
Recommendations	1.That the Committee note the content of the report 2.That the Committee discuss the proposed changes to working arrangements for health and wellbeing and the potential for further development of the role of the Committee 3.That the Committee agree a regular officer liaison (Elissa Rospigliosi) with the Health and Wellbeing Corporate Working Group and, through this, other groups, partnerships, and committees working on health and wellbeing in the Borough as relevant.
Corporate objectives:	Building Community Capacity: The subject matter of the report deals with ways in which we can improve outcomes for Dacorum's communities, including improvements to the Council's ability to respond to issues raised. Dacorum Delivers: The recommendations aim to improve service delivery by helping the Council work more effectively and coordinate its efforts with other partners.
Implications:	<u>Financial</u> The work described in this report takes place within business as usual
'Value For Money Implications'	<u>Value for Money</u> The projects described in this report aim to maximise the use of resources by helping the Council target its services more efficiently and by supporting effective ways of joint working to

	solve problems.
Risk Implications	None.
Equalities Implications	The changes described in this report offer the potential to address health inequalities between different demographic groups more effectively, mitigating some of the negative impacts of inequality.
Health And Safety Implications	None.
Consultees:	Councillor Neil Harden (Portfolio Holder, Residents & Regulatory Services) Councillor Graham Sutton (Chair, Health in Dacorum Committee) CMT
Background papers:	Appendix 1: Key to health groups and partnerships Appendix 2: Diagram of proposed structure and relationships
Historical background <i>(please give a brief background to this report to enable it to be considered in the right context).</i>	The Health and Social Care Act (2012) enacted significant reforms to the NHS and transferred the public health function to local authorities. In two-tier local authority areas public health transferred to upper tier authorities. Because of this, the district council function in relation to the reforms was initially unclear. Over the past year this has gradually become clearer and this report details the working arrangements proposed to enable Dacorum to make the most of the opportunities presented by these reforms.
Glossary of acronyms and any other abbreviations used in this report:	Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)

1. Introduction

The Council's restructure has made some changes in internal responsibilities for health and wellbeing.

Steve Baker, Assistant Director for Legal Governance, has taken over senior leadership responsibility for health.

The Council has set up a corporate working group for health and wellbeing, which met for the first time in August. It is chaired by Elissa Rospigliosi, Strategic Development & Transformation Officer. Its role is to develop the Council's organisational perspective on health and wellbeing, coordinate work going on within the Council and with external partners on the health and wellbeing agenda, ensure that the Council is able to have effective influence on this agenda, identify external

funding sources and coordinate the Council's approach to bidding for relevant funding, and define the Council's desired community wellbeing outcomes and objectives via the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA).

Supporting this work, the data request programme for the JSNA is currently being finalised in preparation for the first round of analysis, due in October, and an exercise has been carried out to map groups and partnerships working on health in the Borough. Appendix 1 gives short descriptions of some of the key groups and partnerships.

2. Changes to working arrangements

Following this mapping exercise, this paper proposes formalising some of the links between different groups in order to establish effective working arrangements which allow their different roles to complement one another. Appendix 2 shows the proposed structure and connections between the different groups.

The purpose of this structure is to develop a strong voice for the district in County-level health and wellbeing commissioning decisions and position the Council and Dacorum's communities to take advantage of the opportunities being presented by the developing policy agenda and potential changes to the ways in which health and social care are funded. Supporting these aims, it will allow the Council to take full advantage of its place on the Hertfordshire Public Health Officer Board.

This Board has representation at senior officer level from all district councils. Steve Baker will be attending for Dacorum. It is chaired by the Director of Public Health and has a direct reporting line into the Hertfordshire Health and Wellbeing Board.

The Public Health Officer Board is currently unique in that it creates links for all districts at senior officer level, thus both operational and strategic, into public health at Hertfordshire County Council. Our membership of this board thus offers the potential for us to act as the 'locality voice', as a channel for the Council and other groups in Dacorum to feed back to commissioners on behalf of the Borough. The work of the corporate working group for health and wellbeing will support this channel.

3. The role of the Health in Dacorum Committee

The Health in Dacorum Committee would play a key role in this revised structure. The Committee already acts as the route for Member interest in health, and for residents to engage with the Council about issues relating to health and health providers in the Borough, and has developed expertise in these areas through its work.

This paper proposes that the Committee now considers how its work might be integrated more effectively with that of the other groups and partnerships in the Borough, according to the structure set out in Appendix 2. The following three proposals would support this integration:

- That the Committee increases its scope to include work on health in the broader sense of health and wellbeing, public health, and the wider determinants of health, as encouraged by recent and current legislative and policy developments.

- That the Committee links its work with the other groups and partnerships in the Borough, to allow issues raised via the Committee to be developed and responded to where necessary by these groups and to allow issues raised by these groups which require a Member perspective to be referred to the Committee. This link should be established through a regular officer liaison between the Committee and the corporate working group for health and wellbeing, as this group will act as the coordination point for health and wellbeing issues.
- That the Committee further develops its connections with other resident involvement mechanisms where residents raise issues related to health and wellbeing, including Neighbourhood Action Groups where health has been identified as a priority for that area, and, potentially, links with local Healthwatch.

4. Conclusion and recommendations

This paper details a proposed structure for working arrangements supporting work on health and wellbeing in the Borough. It notes that the Health in Dacorum Committee would have a key role to play in that structure and makes three proposals for further development of the Committee's work to support that role.

This paper recommends:

- That the Committee note the content of the report.
- That the Committee discuss the proposed changes to working arrangements for health and wellbeing and the potential for further development of the role of the Committee.
- That the Committee agree a regular officer liaison (Elissa Rospigliosi) with the Health and Wellbeing Corporate Working Group and, through this, other groups, partnerships, and committees working on health and wellbeing in the Borough as relevant.