

## 5. REFERRALS TO CABINET

### HEALTH IN DACORUM COMMITTEE – 2 APRIL 2014

#### OS/032/14 HEALTH AND WELLBEING POLICY STATEMENT

Steve Baker introduced the report which linked with the Sports Activation Fund. The Council was trying to advance the health and wellbeing agenda. Steve Baker explained that a high level policy statement that detailed the Council's intention at a public level was missing.

The advantage to bringing a clear statement was that it would fit into the Council's corporate plan over the coming year. Officers would need to take heed of this when preparing their service plans.

Mike Moore noted that there were no risk implications in the report and referred to the statement produced by Herts County Council in their report regarding inequalities in the health service in Hertfordshire. The total cost in Hertfordshire was between £1.4 million and £1.9million as a result of the burden due to a higher rate of mortality in the region. Mike Moore suggested that, when supporting the health and wellbeing as in the statement produced, it be noted that there would be risk to the local economy. He said he could not drill down the Hertfordshire figures to illustrate the cost to Dacorum specifically.

The Dacorum Health and Wellbeing Partnership had been trying to promote health and wellbeing and had not had an opportunity to comment on the statement or the risks associated with it. Mike Moore said that it was a missed opportunity not to have engaged with that body.

Steve Baker said that he was attending the next partnership meeting on 25 April and would take the statement along for the Partnership's consideration.

Councillor G Sutton said the purpose of this committee was to bring all committees related to health together to discuss these issues.

Betty Harris said there was no mention of the danger of sugar in this report.

Steve Baker said that the statement itself deliberately avoided specificity around particular medical issues but that the Council would be looking at the issues of obesity in more detail.

Councillor W Wyatt-Lowe suggested that the policy was trying to fit with the Herts strategy which also omitted the issue of sugar.

Councillor Guest said she welcomed the fact that the statement highlighted the issue of raising life expectancy in the impoverished.

#### Action

**Steve Baker** to take the Health Policy Statement to the Dacorum Health and Well Being Board on 25 April.

#### Recommendation

1. That the proposed Health and Wellbeing Policy Statement be noted.

2. That the Health and Wellbeing Policy Statement be recommended to Cabinet for approval.