Committee: Health and Wellbeing Board

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STRATEGIC ITEM

Wards: All

Subject: Health & Wellbeing Strategy 2015-18: Annual report 2016

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Recommendations:

A. To consider and comment on the progress on implementation of the Health & Wellbeing Strategy 2015-18

B. To continue to champion the implementation of the Health & Wellbeing Strategy and promote the outcomes with their constituencies.

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 The report provides a summary of progress on implementation of the Merton Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2015-18.

The refresh strategy is providing the opportunity to embed the commitment of the council and partners to reducing health inequalities through improving outcomes across five priority themes:

- Best Start in Life
- Good health
- Life skills, lifelong learning and good work
- Community participation and feel safe
- A good natural and built environment
- 1.2 The Health & Wellbeing Strategy was agreed by Cabinet for 2015-18 with the initial intention of progress being monitored on a quarterly basis. However many of the outcome indicators require a longer period to register impact and therefore this annual reflection on progress is judged to be more appropriate. The Board is particularly asked to consider whether this approach is helpful.
- 1.3 This report assesses progress towards achieving agreed outcomes. Overall the assessment shows positive progress across many areas in line with trajectory to 2018 targets.

There is good evidence of impact across all themes. However in certain areas targets are very ambitious and progress is proving difficult (for example immunisation and fuel poverty). Some areas are at an early stage (such as improving mental health pathways). There are proposed revised outcomes for community safety (relating to alcohol-related crime, and domestic violence) and also prevention of homelessness.

- 1.4 Board members might wish to consider the following questions:
- How might members continue to support progress towards outcomes in their role as system leaders?
- What are the expectations of the pace of progress towards different outcomes within the difficult financial context? A number of outcomes are linked to major developments and service redesign (such as the East Merton Model of Health & Wellbeing) and outcomes are longer term.
- What are members' views on the format of the report? How might the format be improved? This annual report attempts to be more 'streamlined' and focused on outcomes.
- What specific outcomes might members wish to consider in more detail at future meetings?

The report is attached.