

# Creating the place for a **good life**



# Merton Does Well Overall on Most Outcomes

- Good Progress is being made on early years development and education achievement
- Merton Clinical Commissioning Group is improving quality of health care
- Public Health is striving to embed prevention, working with Council colleagues to ensure healthy options are available for individuals to make healthy choices

Yet gaps persist between the East and West of Merton

# What Creates Health?

Figure 1: The Health Gradient



Source: *Making Partners: Intersectoral Action for Health 1988*  
Proceedings and outcome of a WHO Joint Working Group on  
Intersectoral Action for Health, The Netherlands.

# Underlying Principles

- Addresses health inequalities
- Works across the life course
- Addresses issues that need improvement
- Works across what creates health and health care
- Works across partner agenda – LBM, MCCG, voluntary sector



# VISION

A fair share of opportunities for  
**HEALTH AND WELLBEING**  
for all Merton residents

This means we will halt the rise in the gap in Life Expectancy between areas within Merton

## THEMES

## OUTCOMES

1

### Best Start in Life

Focus on prevention, early detection of long-term conditions and access to good quality health and social care

2

### Good Health

Focus on prevention, early detection of long-term conditions and access to good quality health and social care

3

Life skills, lifelong learning, & good work

4

Community participation and feeling safe

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A good natural and built environment

- Uptake of childhood immunisation is increased
- Waiting time for CAMHS from referral is shortened
- Childhood obesity is reduced
- Educational achievement gap in children eligible for pupil premium is reduced
- The proportion of children ready for school is increased
- All partner organisations promote health in their policies and services
- Settings e.g. workplaces, schools, high streets where people spend time are healthier, providing healthy options.
- The proportion of adults making healthy lifestyle choices is increased
- Early detection and management is integrated and promoted
- The number of JSA and ESA claimants in Mitcham JCP is reduced
- Increase employment by targeting initiatives to improve soft skills and to deliver skills in growth sectors
- Assist business start-ups and growth of existing businesses
- Bridge the lifelong learning gap in deprived wards
- The number of people engaged in their communities is increased through volunteering
- Sustainable voluntary and community organisations partner with the public sector to strengthen community capacity and cohesion
- People remain independent or regain independence as far as possible after reablement
- People feel safer through tackling perception of crime
- Causes of crime addressed through a place based approach in three hotspot areas identified through the Vulnerable Localities Index
- Positive health and wellbeing outcomes are embedded within major developments as a condition of granting planning permission
- Fuel poverty is reduced through collective energy switching
- Pollution is reduced through increased number of trees in parks
- The quality of houses of multiple occupation (HMOs) will be improved

# The Good Life – We Want To

Recognise that these inequalities are the responsibility of us all and that we can achieve more by working together than alone

Build a strong coalition to address these inequalities

**Invite you all to take up this challenge to create a good life for all residents of Merton**

