

**SPELTHORNE BOROUGH COUNCIL AND
SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**



SPELTHORNE JOINT COMMITTEE

DATE: 15 JULY 2019

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SUBJECT: HEALTH & WELLBEING STRATEGY UPDATE

AREA(S) AFFECTED: ALL

SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

The Spelthorne Health & Wellbeing Strategy (Appendix 1) was adopted in April 2016. This reports outlines the progress against the strategy in 2018/19 (Appendix 2).

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Spelthorne Joint Committee is asked to note:

- (i) The progress of the Health & Wellbeing Strategy action plan in 2018-19

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Spelthorne Health & Wellbeing Strategy aims to identify areas for development to improve the health and wellbeing of local residents. The action plan has clear targets to ensure that progress can be monitored.

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 The first Spelthorne Health & Wellbeing Strategy was adopted by Cabinet in April 2016. Along with many other agencies, Spelthorne Borough Council has a key role in improving the health and wellbeing of its residents. Many council services such as Housing, Independent Living, Leisure, Environmental Health, Community Development, Planning, Sustainability and Community Safety, support the wider health needs of our communities. The Community Wellbeing Group leads on the Health & Wellbeing Strategy at Spelthorne Council. This report is for information on the progress of actions in the 2018/2019 action plan.
- 1.2 Following the recent launch of the Surrey Health and Wellbeing Strategy, a new strategy will now be written for Spelthorne

- 1.3 The Spelthorne Health & Wellbeing Strategic Group has been reformed over the last few years and has been reactive to issues that have arisen, particularly in relation to funding cuts across various agencies. The Group is jointly chaired by Cllr Maureen Attewell and Deborah Ashman and has representatives including a county councillor, colleagues from the CCG and voluntary groups. The work of the group complements the Health & Wellbeing Strategy whilst focusing on topical issues such as sexual health services, transport to special schools etc.

2. ANALYSIS:

- 2.1 The Public Health England 2018 'Spelthorne' Profile identifies some key statistics:

- 17.6% children in the borough aged 10-11 are obese
- Spelthorne is the worst in Surrey for:
 - Under 75 mortality rate: cardiovascular
 - Diabetes diagnosis (aged 17+)
 - Smoking prevalence in adults (aged 18+)
 - Infant mortality rate
 - Obese children (aged 10-11)
 - Deprivation score
 - Children in low income families (under 16s)
 - Violent crime (violent offences)

The profiles also highlights significant improvements that have been made since 2017 in the following areas:

- Hospital stays for self-harm
- Hip fractures in older people (aged 65+)
- Alcohol specific stays (under 18s)
- Physically active adults (aged 19+)
- New sexually transmitted infections

- 2.2 The priorities for the Health & Wellbeing Strategy complement the North West Surrey Clinical Commissioning Group's Strategic Objectives and Surrey County Council Health & Wellbeing Strategy Priorities.

- 2.3 Some of the headline news stories for Spelthorne in 2018/19 include:

- Housing
 - Bugle House was built and rehoused 8 households who were owed a homelessness duty, all of whom were in costly nightly paid accommodation.
 - Harper House, acquired by Knowle Green Estates in 2016 is currently used by the Council for nightly paid emergency accommodation. There are plans for the site to be rebuilt, potentially with Homes England grant funding. Subject to planning approval, this will provide vastly improved accommodation for homeless households.
 - The White House, a property in Ashford, is similarly awaiting confirmation of grant funding and planning consent. The White House site will offer a single persons homeless hostel with 27 units and 4 'move on' bedsits.

- The Council have recently worked with Knowle Green Estates and developed three 2 bed houses at Churchill Way, Sunbury. These were let to 3 households who were owed a homelessness duty.
- Independent Living
 - Spelthorne Borough Council funded the build of an extension at the Greeno Community Centre in Shepperton to be dedicated for use by the OPAL (Old People Actively Living) group. This is a dedicated group for people with high needs including those living with dementia.
 - The Greeno Community Centre also received Lottery funding for a minibus to help transport people into the centre.
- Leisure
 - Two successful funding bids secured from Tesco Bags of Help totalling £3000 were awarded to provide a Fit & Fed programme. Twelve days of activity were delivered across the summer and October half term holidays in 2018. These initiatives benefited 132 young people. Participants were involved in a range of sports including cage cricket, boxing and dance as well as being provided with breakfast and lunch. The project aims were to work with harder to reach young people including those on free school meals, young people with Special education needs (SEN) and those that are less active. Residual funding has been put aside for further sessions to be delivered this summer.
- Environmental Health

In March 2018, Surrey County Council we were awarded an £145k Air Quality Grant by Defra for a schools air quality awareness project. Spelthorne were designated the lead authority for the project, the outcomes of which have been implemented by the Surrey County Council Safer Travel Team. The project delivered a series of measures designed to raise awareness of air quality issues with primary and secondary school children to encourage behaviour change and reduce vehicle idling particularly outside schools. Some of the measures included:

 - A media campaign which ran between 17 September and 14 October across social media, printed publications, radio adverts, bus backs and bus stop ad-shells.
 - A performing arts company developed a bespoke air quality play and toured around schools across Surrey including 9 in Spelthorne.
 - London Sustainability Exchange delivered a workshop and whole school assemblies to schools. The workshop included the erection of 10 diffusion tubes to help children understand the science of monitoring. Six Spelthorne schools received in-school workshops and resources
 - The London Sustainability Exchange also provided 5 schools with focused support to deliver an anti-idling campaign. Two of these were in Spelthorne
 - County wide, bikeability training is on-going with 46 schools having booked 2,512 extra training places through to April 2019.
 - Surrey County Council's sustainable travel Golden Boot challenge will be rebranded as an air quality themed 'Green Boot Challenge'. This will include a new a smart phone App for school children and parents to supplement the hands up in school surveys reported via the website. The App will be trialled in June

2019 in up to 50 of the 450 participating schools county wide and then would be fully rolled out in June 2020.

3. OPTIONS:

3.1 This report is for information only.

4. CONSULTATIONS:

4.1 All relevant departments within Spelthorne Council were consulted to ensure accurate monitoring of progress to date.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

5.1 The actions are carried out within the relevant department's budgets or grant funding. There are no additional financial implications.

5.2 A robust Health & Wellbeing Strategy is required to assist with sourcing external funding.

6. WIDER IMPLICATIONS:

6.1 The Strategy will support and link in with other council strategies including the Housing, Economic and Leisure & Cultural Strategies. The aim of the strategy is to improve the health and wellbeing outcomes for the local community.

6.2 The strategy complements the work of the Spelthorne Health & Wellbeing Strategic Group which consists of a broad range of organisations from Council to CCG and voluntary groups. This gives a wider community view and influence into the group.

6.3 Council Policies and Priorities

| Area assessed: | Direct Implications: |
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| Crime and Disorder | No significant implications |
| Equality and Diversity | No significant implications |
| Localism (including community involvement and impact) | Significant implications |
| Sustainability (including Climate Change and Carbon Emissions) | Significant implications |
| Corporate Parenting/Looked After Children | No significant implications |
| Safeguarding responsibilities for vulnerable children and adults | Significant implications |
| Public Health | Significant implications |

The Health & Wellbeing Strategy aims to improve the health of local residents. Safeguarding is one of the key priorities outlined with the strategy. One of the actions is to improve air quality by promoting sustainable travel.

7. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 7.1 Joint Committee are asked to note the progress of the Health & Wellbeing Strategy Action Plan outcomes for 2018/2019.

8. WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

- 8.1 The new Surrey Health & Wellbeing Strategy has just been launched so ideas for a new Spelthorne Strategy will now start to be developed. The Spelthorne Health & Wellbeing Group will be consulted to contribute ideas and themes for the strategy. The progress on the Health & Wellbeing Strategy and action plan will be reported back to this Joint Committee.
- 8.2 A couple of focus projects will be undertaken over the next year:
- Housing
 - Following a successful grant funding application with MHCLG, the Housing Options team are improving their offer to rough sleepers, or those at risk of rough sleeping in Spelthorne, with a Rough Sleeper Project. The project will seek to map services in the local area for rough sleepers, and also to engage more directly and assertively with those sleeping on our streets, supporting them to leave the streets for good. The project runs to 31 May 2020, but will be evaluated part-way through to consider if there is a
 - Environmental Health
 - SBC have put aside funding to install further electric Vehicle charging points at Knowle Green.

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Annexes:

Appendix 1 – Spelthorne Health & Wellbeing Strategy

Appendix 2 – Action Plan Progress to for 2018/2019

Background papers:

There are no background papers.

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