

Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

Tuesday 28 November 2023

Report of the Assistant Director Partnerships Tamworth Wellbeing Strategy Baseline Report

Exempt

None

Purpose

To give an update on the baseline Wellbeing Strategy baseline report produced for the UK Shared Prosperity Fund Board

Recommendation

That the Committee:

1. Endorse the priorities highlighted in the baseline report as those for the development of a Tamworth Wellbeing Strategy 2024-2027
 - Supporting good mental health and wellbeing for children and young people
 - Supporting good mental health and wellbeing for adults
 - Supporting individuals at high risk of poor health outcomes to live healthy lives
 - Improving connectivity
2. Endorse the approach outlined in the report to ensure that the Wellbeing Strategy is fully linked with the Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports strategy, Open Spaces assessment and the Indoor and Built Facilities strategy currently in progress
3. Approve proposals for further Scrutiny stakeholder engagement, endorsement of draft reports and timeline for Cabinet

Executive Summary

Community Together CIC were commissioned by the council, directed by the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) Board to undertake the baseline development of priorities for community wellbeing.

The completed document is attached as Appendix 1.

The priorities identified:

1. Supporting good mental health and wellbeing for children and young people
2. Supporting good mental health and wellbeing for adults
3. Supporting individuals at high risk of poor health outcomes to live healthy lives
4. Improving connectivity

The baseline priorities have informed the UKSPF projects which have been commissioned under the community pillar elements of the funding for 2023/24 and 2024/25.

- Funding for impactful volunteering and/or social action projects to develop social and human capital in local places.
- Investment in capacity building and infrastructure support for local civil society and community groups
- Community measures to reduce the cost of living, including measures to improve energy efficiency, and combat fuel poverty and climate change.

Working jointly with the Active Wellbeing team, currently developing a Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports strategy, Open Spaces assessment and the Indoor and Built Facilities strategy for Tamworth, the priorities outlined will inform a wider Tamworth Wellbeing Strategy 2024-2027 and associated workplan to be presented to Cabinet in March 2024. The development of these strategies in the development of the a Wellbeing strategy aligns with recommendation in the Sport England Strategic outcomes and planning guidance (May 2021).

The Tamworth Wellbeing Strategy is intended to give a clear direction for the wider health and wellbeing of our communities, working with partners and utilising and developing the Council's assets. It further underpins the work of the Staffordshire County Health & Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee regarding Developing Healthier Communities which that Committee endorsed in April 2023 and aligns with the Staffordshire Wellbeing Strategy:

- Health in early life
- Good mental health
- Healthy weight
- Healthy aging

All the baseline strategies utilise available data from the [Staffordshire Joint Strategic Needs Assessment](#) (JSNA) 2021 (currently being updated), [Tamworth Better Health Evidence Base](#), [Mercian Primary Care Network insights 2020](#) and the 2021 Census.

In conjunction with this, the County Health Inequalities Directors group (HIDG) is working on a more localised JSNA to do a more in depth study into health inequalities relating to housing in two priority ward areas in Tamworth to further support the developing Housing and Health priority. The two wards identified are Glascote and Belgrave based on a Health Inequalities Geographical Hotspot study by the Staffordshire Insight Team (Attached as Appendix 2).

The Directors Group have also identified up to £255,000 allocated to Tamworth, through underspend in the Covid 19 Contain Outbreak Management Fund (COMF) for projects to:-

- Strengthening existing health and wellbeing programmes - £162,947
- Housing and Health Hot-Spot Areas - £92,337

The funding must be spent by 30 September 2024 and the Partnerships team are currently working with colleagues and Voluntary Sector Partnerships to consider projects to be submitted.

The projects will compliment and feed into the Wellbeing Priorities identified.

Options Considered

All options are included within the executive summary and support the health inequalities work prioritised through the Staffordshire County Council Health and Wellbeing Board

Resource Implications

The Assistant Director Partnerships represents Tamworth Borough Council on the Health Inequality Directors Group.

The wider wellbeing strategy and support for funding spend will be supported by the wider Partnership team.

Baseline strategy has been funded through UK Shared Prosperity and wider projects will be funded as per the report content. At this time there are no wider budget implications for Tamworth Borough Council or identified spend.

Legal/Risk Implications

Failure to produce a Wellbeing Strategy	There is no legal requirement for the council to produce a strategy, however working with the Active Wellbeing Team, ensuring areas of priority need are established and addressed through available funding, the council can ensure resources are targeted to those most vulnerable to improve community wellbeing and resilience
Failure to spend identified funding	The workstream has been allocated a priority area and where appropriate the funding can be offset with in year council spend
Lack of partner engagement	There is a strong working relationship with voluntary sector partners who have been approached to consider projects

Equalities Implications

A full Community Impact Assessment will be undertaken during the development of the strategy and actions based on identified priority need and in line with the Council Making Equality Real in Tamworth (MERIT) policy.

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