

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL**Housing and Health Committee****29 March 2017****Perth and Kinross Health Inequalities Strategy****Report by Acting Executive Director (Housing and Community Safety)****PURPOSE OF REPORT**

This report updates the Committee on the outcomes of the consultation exercise on the draft Health Inequalities Strategy and presents an updated strategy for approval.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 In 2010 NHS Tayside worked with a range of partners to produce “Communities in Control”: A Health Equity Strategy. This document influenced the actions to address health inequalities within the Single Outcome Agreement for Perth and Kinross. This has since been incorporated into a local strategy to address health inequalities in Perth and Kinross.
- 1.2 Reducing inequalities is a key priority of the Perth and Kinross Health and Social Care Partnership’s Strategic Commissioning Plan.
- 1.3 In 2017 the current Community Plan for Perth and Kinross will evolve into a Local Outcomes Improvement Plan or LOIP. The intention is to bring together the various plans that exist across the Community Planning Partnership into one shorter and more accessible framework. The Health Inequalities Plan, along with findings from the Fairness Commission, is well placed to ensure addressing health inequalities is a key part of the LOIP.
- 1.4 A draft Health Inequalities Plan for Perth and Kinross was submitted to the Housing and Health Committee in May 2016 (Report 16/237) where it was agreed that it should be circulated to a range of stakeholders for consultation to inform the final strategy.
- 1.5 As a result, an on-line survey was developed to seek views on the draft plan and stakeholders gave a range of feedback. The consultation survey was open for a month during August 2016 and forty two people submitted a response.
- 1.6 The comments and amendments have been included in this updated strategy. Several stakeholders also volunteered to share the development process with forums such as the Third Sector Forum, which involved around sixty local organisations which helps ensure the plan is relevant to local communities.

- 1.7 Local stakeholders have become increasingly involved in ensuring priorities and actions are agreed in a way that complements those which they are working towards. Agencies such as PKAVS and Live Active Leisure as well as NHS Tayside partners have identified the value of a health inequalities plan which can be used as both a local resource and as a tool for setting actions for locality partnerships.
- 1.8 Actions will also be progressed by the new Locality Action Partnerships through their local plans as they aim to tackle local inequalities. They will also reflect the recommendations of the Fairness Commission due to report in the next month.

2. PROPOSALS

- 2.1 It is important the Perth and Kinross Health Inequalities Plan continues to evolve to make it relevant to local people and for locality planning. It will be one of many local plans and strategies which should influence the development and production of Locality Action Plans.
- 2.2 To make maximum use of the health inequalities plan within the locality planning structure, a range of communication opportunities will be developed. This may include production of a briefing note on health inequalities for staff involved in locality planning at a range of levels, information which can be shared with existing planning structures for health and social care and also a health inequalities “check list” for partnerships, organisations and networks to encourage us all to work in ways which are most likely to reduce health inequalities.
- 2.3 As interest from partners and communities grow, the health inequalities plan will continue to be refined. It will evolve into a document which Locality Planning Partnerships, for both Health and Social Care and more broadly for Community Planning, can use to ensure attention is paid to local priorities to address health inequalities. Therefore, actions for future years will be identified and agreed by Local Action Partnerships along with broader forums such as the third sector interface. Actions will have short, medium and longer term indicators of whether the change has been successful. The majority of the actions will be focused on prevention, in line with locality action plans.
- 2.4 As well as continuing to report to the Housing and Health Committee as appropriate, it is recommended that an annual joint report on outcomes which address health inequalities is submitted to the Health & Social Care Partnership’s Integration Joint Board using an agreed format which evidences outputs, actions and time frames. Measurement criteria for addressing specific inequalities will be identified.

3 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The Perth and Kinross Health Inequalities Plan gives continued focus to addressing avoidable and unfair health inequalities which exist in our local area. The Plan exists as a resource for locality planning both for Health and

Social Care and Community Planning more widely. It will also influence production of the Locality Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP) for Perth and Kinross during 2017.

- 3.2 Local partners have shown interest and commitment to ensuring the Health Inequalities Plan continues to evolve as a core document over the next few years.
- 3.3 It is recommended that the Housing and Health Committee:-
- (i) Approves the revised Health Inequalities Plan for Perth and Kinross
 - (ii) Requests an update report be submitted in 12 months' time.

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1. IMPLICATIONS, ASSESSMENTS, CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

Strategic Implications	Yes / None
Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement	Yes
Corporate Plan	Yes
Resource Implications	
Financial	None
Workforce	None
Asset Management (land, property, IST)	None
Assessments	
Equality Impact Assessment	Yes
Strategic Environmental Assessment	None
Sustainability (community, economic, environmental)	None
Legal and Governance	None
Risk	None
Consultation	
Internal	Yes
External	Yes
Communication	
Communications Plan	None

1. Strategic Implications

Community Plan/Single Outcome Agreement

- 1.1 This report supports the following outcomes of the Community Plan / Single Outcomes Agreement:
- (i) Giving every child the best start in life
 - (ii) Developing educated, responsible and informed citizens
 - (iii) Promoting a prosperous, inclusive and sustainable economy
 - (iv) Supporting people to lead independent, healthy and active lives

Corporate Plan

- 1.2 As above

2. Resource Implications

Financial

- 2.1 No financial implications have been identified.

Workforce

- 2.2 No workforce implications have been identified.

Asset Management (land, property, IT)

2.3 None.

3. Assessments

3.1 This report has been considered under the Corporate Equalities Impact Assessment Process (EqIA) and assessed as relevant and the following positive outcomes are expected following implementation:

The Health Inequalities Action Plan will increase understanding of the unfair health inequalities in our community

The Health Inequalities Action Plan will be used as a resource for locality planning partnerships when developing actions to address health inequalities.

Strategic Environmental Assessment

3.2 The Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 places a duty on the Council to identify and assess the environmental consequences of its proposals. The content of this report have been considered under the act, however, no action is required as it does not qualify as a PPS as defined by the Act and is therefore exempt.

Sustainability

3.3 Under the provisions of the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003 the Council has to discharge its duties in a way which contributes to the achievement of sustainable development. Under the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 the Council also has a duty relating to climate change and, in exercising its functions must act:

- in the way best calculated to delivery of the Act's emissions reduction targets
- in the way best calculated to deliver any statutory adaptation programmes
- in a way that it considers most sustainable

There are no steps required to be taken in this area.

4. Consultation

Internal

4.1 Discussion on the Health Inequalities Action Plan has taken place during the initial development phase and also during the consultation phase with officers from Education and Children's Services, Housing and Community Care, The Environment Service and staff working for the Health and Social Care Partnership.

External

- 4.2 Structured discussion as well as feedback during the consultation phase has taken place with a range of partners including NHS Tayside Directorate of Public Health, PKAVS and Live Active Leisure. Via PKAVS a range of smaller third sector agencies also gave feedback during the consultation phase.

The Tenant Committee Report Panel were consulted on this strategy. They commented that "this is a very comprehensive document covering many facets and reasons and joined up conditions for health and welfare. Pleased to see it covers 3 years so it will be done properly rather than in isolated parts."

5. Communication

- 5.1 All five locality action groups linked to the Community Planning Partnership and three health and social care planning groups will be briefed on the Health Inequalities Plan as will the Third Sector Forum. These groupings have been involved in the process of developing the Health Inequalities Plan. Material to support inclusion of actions to address health inequalities within locality planning will be produced e.g. briefing notes.

6 BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

7 APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Perth and Kinross Health Inequalities Plan 2017 – 2020