

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL**Housing and Health Committee****25 May 2016****Perth and Kinross Draft Health Inequalities Strategy 2016****Report by Director (Housing and Social Work)****PURPOSE OF REPORT**

The report summarises the key health inequalities that exist in Perth and Kinross and identifies a number of current and future initiatives planned to address and reduce these.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The inequalities that exist in people's health and wellbeing are the result of poverty and discrimination. In Perth and Kinross, as across Scotland, "there are significant health inequalities in terms of mortality, physical illness, mental health and wellbeing, lifestyle behavior associated with ill health and access to and use of health services... Inequalities are also evident according to gender, age, education, ethnicity, sexual orientation and the presence of disability or mental health problems [Scottish Government, 2008a]."
- 1.2 These inequalities exist as a result of inter-relating and overlapping factors, notably social economic factors, such as access and opportunity (linked to income and education); and socio-economic disadvantage which impacts on people's ability to participate and play an active part in society, affecting individuals, families and communities.
- 1.3 It is clear, therefore, that any plan to reduce the inequalities people face and improve their health and wellbeing, needs to address the socio and economic factors mentioned above. This is not solely a health issue.

2. PROPOSALS

- 2.1 The draft Health Inequalities Strategy which is attached as an appendix outlines a range of current actions designed to mitigate the inequalities that exist in Perth and Kinross. While specific health issues (obesity, alcohol abuse, mental ill-health) are targeted by a range of services and interventions, these often don't connect and so may not have the full and desired impact.
- 2.1 It is therefore proposed that this draft Health Inequalities Strategy is shared with a range of partners and stakeholders for consultation during June and July 2016 to strengthen and develop the actions into a comprehensive, locality based strategy.

3 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The Perth and Kinross Draft Health Inequalities Strategy gives renewed commitment to working in partnership with local communities and a range of partners to address the avoidable and unfair health inequalities which exist in our local area.
- 3.2 It is recommended that the Housing and Health Committee:-
- i. Notes the details and proposals of the draft Health Inequalities Strategy for Perth and Kinross which will be circulated for wide consultation.
 - ii. Instructs the Director to update Committee on the results of the consultation and bring a revised strategy and action plan to a future Committee for approval.

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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	No
Workforce	No
Asset Management (land, property, IST)	No
Assessments	
Equality Impact Assessment	Yes
Strategic Environmental Assessment	No
Sustainability (community, economic, environmental)	No
Legal and Governance	No
Risk	No
Consultation	
Internal	Yes
External	Yes
Communication	
Communications Plan	No

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 This report supports the following outcomes of the Corporate Plan in relation to the following priorities:

- (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

2. Resource Implications

Financial

3. Assessments

3.1 Under the Equality Act 2010, the Council is required to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations between equality groups. Carrying out Equality Impact Assessments for plans and policies allows the Council to demonstrate that it is meeting these duties. The Equality Impact Assessment undertaken in relation to this report can be viewed by clicking <http://www.pkc.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=35948&p=0>

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 Strategy will promote equal access and inclusiveness for everyone
- The Health Inequalities Strategy will improve health (including mental health) and well-being and improve access to health care for all

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 (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; and
- in a way that it considers most sustainable.

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

4 Consultation

4.1 Internal

Initial discussion on the action plan has taken place with officers from Education and Children's Services and The Environment Service. It is recognised that further consultation will be required in order to fully develop the strategy.

4.2 External

Initial discussions have been held with NHS Tayside Public Health Directorate and NHS staff who are supporting Health & Social Care Integration. It is recognised that wider consultation will take place in order to fully develop the strategy and embed it in the locality planning structure.

5. Communication

- 5.1 Following the agreement of this strategy, a full communication strategy will be implemented.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

7. APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Draft Perth and Kinross Health Inequalities Strategy 2016.