

## Health and Wellbeing Board

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### County Durham's Approach to Wellbeing – Update of Progress



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#### Electoral divisions affected:

Countywide

#### Purpose of the Report

- 1 The purpose of this report is to share an update around the implementation of the County Durham Approach to Wellbeing.

#### Executive summary

- 2 The Health and Wellbeing Board approved the County Durham Approach to Wellbeing on 27 November 2019 and proposed that case studies be presented at future meetings to highlight the way in which the wellbeing principles were being adopted by partners.
- 3 This case study highlights the use of the Wellbeing Approach in two areas which are the Community Hub response to Covid-19 and the developments in the integration of the approach into commissioning.
- 4 In the first it looks at how the approach was used in the development and evaluation of the County Durham Together Community Hub and the second builds on developments in commissioning and how the approach is being integrated into the tender and evaluation of contracts.
- 5 Using the Wellbeing Principles to guide project development, the working groups continue to identify projects and pieces of work where the approach can be used, and the introduction of a project manager is allowing the approach to be tested in a much wider range of settings.

## **Recommendations**

- 6 Members of the Health and Wellbeing Board are recommended to:
  - (a) Note the use of the Approach to Wellbeing in this case study and the opportunity it has brought in the development in the supporting systems around communities.

## **Background**

- 7 The Health and Wellbeing Board approved the County Durham Approach to Wellbeing on 27 November 2019 and proposed that case studies be presented at future meetings to highlight the way in which the wellbeing principles were being adopted by partners.

## **Conclusion**

- 8 Members of the Health and Wellbeing Board will have an understanding of ways in which the wellbeing principles were being adopted by partners in response to the Covid 19 global pandemic.

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## Appendix 1: Implications

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**Legal Implications** - This work supports the Council's statutory responsibility to improve and protect the health and wellbeing of local residents<sup>1</sup>.

**Finance** - There are no financial implications arising from adoption of the Approach to Wellbeing at present.

**Consultation** - Formal consultation on the Approach to Wellbeing is not appropriate, although adoption of the Approach does encourage partners to ensure greater community engagement in the development of services.

**Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty** - Utilisation of this approach would support equality and diversity, emphasising the importance of citizens having equal opportunities regardless of where they belong, highlighting the need to address and reduce health inequalities, and valuing the diversity that people can bring to their communities as local assets.

**Human Rights** - This work would respect the human rights of citizens across County Durham, working with communities regardless of race, sex, nationality, ethnicity, language or any other status. In particular the work to engage communities would encourage freedom of opinion and expression.

**Climate Change** - None

**Crime and Disorder** - Improving community engagement and cohesion has the potential to reduce crime and disorder.

**Staffing** - There are no staffing implications arising from this approach at present.

**Accommodation** - There are no accommodation implications arising from this approach at present.

**Risk** - Partnership support will be required to take forward this Approach to Wellbeing and failure of this support may result in a risk to its adoption. The evidence base suggests that its introduction will result in improved health outcomes for communities, therefore the risk if it is not adopted is that improvement in health outcomes may be more limited.

**Procurement** - One of the key principles contained in this approach is the need to ensure collaborative commissioning and co-design of services. Adoption of this Approach to Wellbeing will therefore have an impact on the way in which services are commissioned in the future.

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<sup>1</sup> Health and Social Care Act 2012