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139. Coventry Health and Well-Being Strategy

The Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Public Health, which sought approval of the Coventry Health and Well-being Strategy.

The report indicated that the 2012 Health and Social Care Act, which would take effect on 1 April 2013, introduced significant changes across Health and Social Care. Amongst these changes was the requirement for Local Authorities to establish Health and Well-Being Boards to maintain an overview of the health, social care and wellbeing of the local population.

Health and Well-Being Boards would carry specific responsibilities. These responsibilities included leading the development of the local Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and Joint Health and Well-being Strategy (JHWS). The JHWS was a key document as it would inform the strategies for both health and social care commissioners, who would be expected to work together to deliver the identified priorities.

In preparation for the introduction of the Health and Social Care Act Coventry had established a Shadow Health and Well-Being Board. While in shadow form, and in anticipation of an imminent statutory responsibility, the Board had focused on the development of the JSNA and the Coventry Health and Well-Being Strategy in readiness for going live in April 2013.

The development of the strategy has been an extensive process of stakeholder engagement and consultation. As a result of this work, the Shadow Health and Well-Being Board agreed to accept the strategy at its December meeting and adopt the a number of strategic themes and priorities, which were detailed within the report. A copy of the Strategy was appended to the report submitted.

RESOLVED that, after due consideration of the options and proposals contained in the report and matters referred to at the meeting, the Cabinet recommends that the City Council approve the Coventry Health and Well-Being Strategy attached as Appendix 1 of this report.