

Item No. 7.	Classification: Open	Date: 29 January 2017	Meeting Name: Health and Wellbeing Board
Report title:		Pledging support for the London Mayor's Health Inequalities Strategy	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All wards	
From:		Director of Health and Wellbeing	

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. The Health and Wellbeing Board are invited to:
 - Note Southwark Council's Response to the London Mayor's Health Inequalities Strategy
 - To discuss some potential 'pledges' in support of the London Mayor's Health Inequalities Strategy

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. The Mayor of London published his draft Health Inequalities Strategy in August 2017. The strategy outlines the main issues that lead to inequalities in the health of different groups of Londoners, and a set of aims for reducing them.
3. Despite increases in life expectancy, stark health inequalities persist both within our borough and across London.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

4. The Mayor's Draft Health Inequalities Strategy emphasises a Health in All Policies approach and focuses on five key areas: Healthy Children, Healthy Minds, Healthy Places, Healthy Communities and Healthy Habits.
5. The draft strategy outlines the Mayor's role, but also how other organisations working in health in London can work together to ensure that all Londoners benefit from the reduction of health inequalities.
6. In November 2017, Southwark Council responded to the draft strategy consultation with our views on the strategy, what we're already doing, how we can help and what the mayor could do to achieve even more.
7. Our comments and observations spanned all five areas of the draft strategy's focus (Healthy Children, Healthy Minds, Healthy Places, Healthy Communities and Healthy Habits). Our full response is included in Appendix 2.
8. Following on from the consultation, the Mayor of London is seeking 'pledges' from organisations and partners in support of the Mayor's vision for a healthier and fairer London.

9. Recognising the importance of local strategic partnerships in addressing health inequalities, the Health and Wellbeing board is proposing to sign some pledges in support of the London Mayor's Health Inequalities Strategy. Some pledges for discussion are proposed:
- i. **We will create healthy places, ensuring regeneration works for everyone, to improve health and wellbeing** – Southwark Council is committed to ensuring that regeneration works for everyone in Southwark and will develop a social regeneration framework together with NHS, local business and the VCS to make this happen.
 - ii. **We will promote and ensure equitable access to physical activity in our free swim and gym programme** – Southwark Council will continue to support Free Swim and Gym in the borough and NHS and VCS partners will signpost residents to the service.
 - iii. **We will maximise opportunities to promote mental health and resilience to our staff and communities** – Southwark Council and CCG will work together to provide the opportunity of mental health promotion training to front line staff across the partnership system.
 - iv. **We will tackle the devastating physical and mental health inequalities caused by diabetes** – Southwark CCG, Council and local partners have committed to reducing the incidence, prevalence and complications of type 2 diabetes - a common long term condition estimated to affect up to 10% of Southwark residents, but especially the most disadvantaged, and ethnic minorities. The CCG pledges to continue to invest in the diabetes prevention programme.
 - v. **We will strengthen the measurement, tracking and reporting of the impact of our actions to reduce inequalities** – Community Southwark will work with Southwark Council and the VCS Sector to develop and agree indicators that impact positively on reducing health inequalities.
10. There will be further opportunities to refine these pledges over the next 12 months.

Policy implications

11. There are no specific policy implications at this time.

Community impact statement

12. None

Resource implications

13. There are no specific resource implications at this time.

Legal implications

14. There are no specific legal implications at this time.

Financial implications

15. There are no specific financial implications at this time.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Better Health for All Londoners (Greater London Authority, 2017) Link:	Public Health, Environment and Social Regeneration 160 Tooley Street	Sadie Regmi sadie.regmi@south wark.gov.uk
Link: https://www.london.gov.uk/talk-london/healthstrategy		

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Mayor of London's Health Inequalities Strategy – summary of aims
Appendix 2	Southwark Council's response to the Mayor of London's Draft Health Inequalities Strategy consultation

AUDIT TRAIL

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Strategic Director of Finance and Governance	No	No
CCG	Yes	Yes
Community Action Southwark	Yes	Yes
Cabinet Member	Yes	Yes
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