Report title and challenge question(s):

Strategic Priorities – updates

Priority report relates to (where applicable):

Alcohol & Drugs, Childhood Healthy Weight and the All-Age Disability Groups

Report to: Health and Wellbeing Board, 20 March 2019

Report author(s):

Wherever possible reports should be co-authored, especially when considering issues that affect more than one organisation

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-Please limit your report to a maximum of five pages.
-At the Board, it is assumed that members have read all papers. Unless your paper is for information, you will have 3 minutes to outline your paper before a Board discussion.
1. Introduction

1.1 What is the ‘wicked issue’?
The purpose of this report is to bring to the Board’s attention updates from the three other action groups working on Board-identified priorities: Alcohol and Drugs (as an issue across all statutory Boards), Childhood Healthy Weight and the All-Age Disability Group.

1.2 What are the existing mechanisms/projects to address this issue?
The Board requires all priority groups to provide updates and action plans on a quarterly basis with each group being explored in-depth, at least once a year at the Board (as Mental Wellbeing and End of Life Care are today).

1.3 What more can the partnership do? / What is your ask of the board today?
The updates, action plans and related paperwork from priority groups are presented for constructive comment and feedback from the Board and for information. They represent progress, challenges and issues over the last three months.

2. Context
See above

3. Issue(s)

a) Alcohol & Drugs:
Joe McDonnell (Chair) LBWF, Director, Public Health

Progress in the last quarter has included:

- **Attendance**: attendance by all representatives has improved greatly since the autumn 2018, with most sectors now represented and participating. Neighbourhoods are now represented allowing for better communications between the substance misuse and anti-social behaviour strategies.

- **Representation**: there has been improved and consistent representation from the acute health sector and substance misuse treatment service, increasing the opportunities to improve joint working. Primary Care representation has not improved and this is being taken forward by the Chair of the steering group.

- A number of system level actions identified in April 2018 have been completed or are nearing completion. This includes evidence based input into Care Homes commissioning and the Dementia Strategy; joint deliverables in Mental Health and Housing workgroup improving solutions for complex residents; strong engagement and joint working initiatives between substance misuse services and the borough’s
adult education offer, including co-location of education opportunities. Also better joint work between substance misuse services and the Think Work agenda.

- **The actions relating to Parental Support and Early Years have been slower to realise**, however an audit performed by Early Help has clarified areas of development and added more understanding of issues in the area. The actions will be re-prioritised for 2019/20.

b) **Children’s Healthy Weight**

- Between Sep 18 and Feb 19, 31,438 Under 18s have accessed free swimming.
- First borough swimming gala hosted in January 2019, with 16 schools and over 200 pupils taking part.
- We are supporting a national campaign – veg power – which is encouraging children to eat more vegetables. 5000 campaign packs will be distributed to all primary schools in the borough for key stage 2 pupils.
- Updated action plan is attached

c) **All-Age Disabilities Partnership Group**

Two meetings have been held to date with good representation from key stakeholders, in terms of core and extended membership. The group identified themed meetings and agreed the 6 month work plan below

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Key actions so far are the accommodation section and the action plan in the learning disabilities vision has been amended to reflect discussions at the accommodation meeting in January 2019. The action plan is currently out for comments and is attached.

**Challenges**

- Keeping stakeholder representation & ownership of actions (system wide)
• How this feeds into Think Family Programme and other transformation programmes e.g. NHS long term plan

The expectation is for core members to find solutions to these challenges.

4. Identification of gaps, themes and challenges
Within text above

5. Proposed solutions

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6. **Appendix:** *see attached action plans*