

REPORT OF: NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES MANAGER

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THEMATIC GROUPS ANNUAL REPORT

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide an update on progress of the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) Thematic Groups – June 2015 – June 2016 and note barriers to delivery.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) That the Executive note the annual progress of the four SCS themes;
- (2) That the Executive note the proposal to arrange a seminar for Members on the Lancashire and South Cumbria Sustainability and Transformation Plan;
- (3) That the Executive approve the District Council Public Health Offer (Appendix 1).

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) To recognise the role of partnership working in delivering the council's Strategic Objectives.
- (2) To strengthen the council's influencing role in the emerging new health economy.

Background

1. When the (LSP) structure was disbanded in 2013, it was agreed that the main theme groups which delivered the Pendle Sustainable Communities Strategy continue and report progress to the Council's Executive, in recognition that partnership working is key in delivering the Council's Strategic Objectives. This report will summarise progress since the last report to the Executive in June 2015.

Health & Wellbeing

2. The health and wellbeing economy is currently undergoing significant changes which are likely to impact on future planning and delivery of public services. Thus, as well as providing an update on health & wellbeing progress in Pendle, the report also includes an update of the Pan- Lancashire health developments, to provide Members with an overview of the changing landscape and governance arrangements.

Pan- Lancashire developments

3. Discussions have commenced with Lancashire Leaders and Chief Executive's to review Health & Wellbeing Board (HWBB) governance across Lancashire, in light of Healthier Lancashire, the Lancashire Combined Authority (LCA) and the Lancashire and South Cumbria Change Programme (to be delivered through the Sustainability and Transformation Plan [STP]).
4. The case for change is based on the premise that the current health and social care system in Lancashire is not sustainable; for example, in Pennine Lancashire, if we do not change how we plan and deliver health and social care, it's anticipated that the resource gap in this system will grow to £238m over the next 5 years.

Sustainability and Transformation Plans

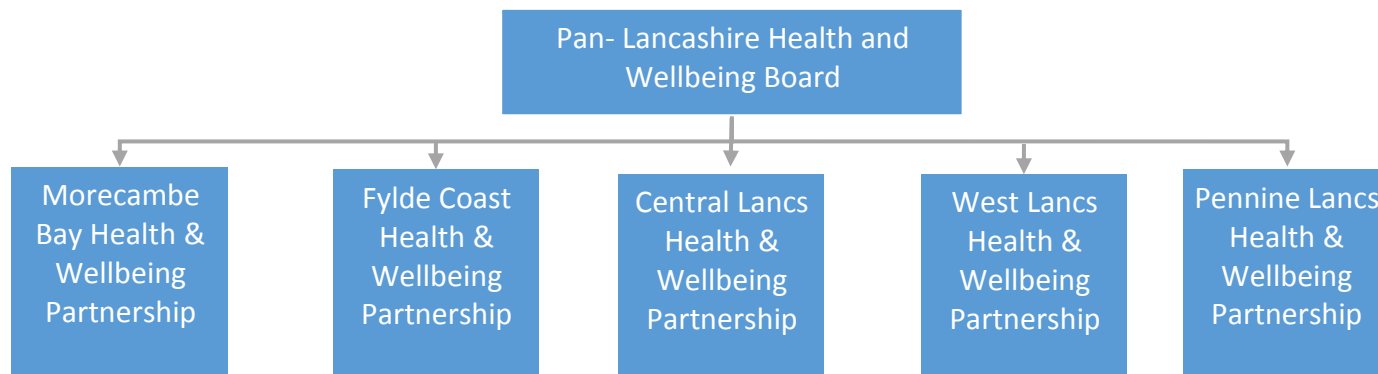
5. Government has introduced a new approach to help ensure that health and care services are built around the needs of local populations and are sustainable within their financial envelopes. To do this, every health and care system in England will produce a multi-year STP, showing how local services will evolve and become clinically and financially sustainable over the next five years.
6. As specified by government, Lancashire's STP will be delivered on a Lancashire and South Cumbria-wide footprint. This will be underpinned by five Local Health and Care Economies (LHCE).
7. Pennine Lancashire is identified within the Lancashire & South Cumbria Change Programme as one of the five, distinct LHCE. Each will develop a place-based transformation plan (known as a Local Delivery Plan), with a particular focus on integration and new models of care. Each LHCE will be supported by a System Leaders' Forum, with Pendle's Leader, Cllr Iqbal and Dean Langton nominated as the district representatives on the Pennine Lancashire Forum.
8. A series of elected member workshops were held throughout June, across all areas in Lancashire, to provide an overview of the STP and allow for members to discuss the proposals in detail. It is now expected that a final iteration of the STP will be submitted to government in October 2016 and so it is proposed that a further seminar is arranged for Pendle Councillors on the STP and its potential implications for health and social care provision in Pendle.

Health & Wellbeing Governance arrangements

9. In conjunction with the STP developments, the upper tier authorities (i.e those with Health & Wellbeing powers) have been considering a new governance model for Health & Wellbeing Boards (HWBB) to better drive service integration (delivered through the STP), health improvement and alignment to the Combined Authority.
10. It has been agreed that a voluntary collaboration of HWBB is developed and would mean working towards a single pan- Lancashire HWBB and five local area health and wellbeing partnerships, based on the five local health economy footprints referred to in paragraph 7.

11. The Pennine Lancashire Partnership is likely to replace the existing East Lancashire Health & Wellbeing Partnership currently aligned to the Lancashire Health & Wellbeing Board. However, it is not yet clear how these Partnerships will align to the emerging STP and LDPs structures, nor what the membership will be. Further details will be announced in the coming months.

Pan-Lancashire Health Governance



Implications for Pendle Council

12. As a district council, we are well positioned to influence many of the wider determinants of health through our key functions and in our enabling role, supporting communities and influencing other bodies. With public sector resources shrinking, demand growing and health inequalities widening, the Health & Wellbeing Board and associated locality partnerships must acknowledge the multifaceted role of districts in tackling health determinants and delivering better health outcomes.
13. In continuing to deliver our core services from existing revenues, we must now seek new, pioneering ways of delivery to achieve more and produce better health outcomes with fewer resources.
14. With the emerging, new health economy for Pennine Lancashire, we need to determine how best we can influence developments and be key players in developing and delivering a Pennine Lancashire Local Delivery Plan. We also need to support the commissioning process as an identifier of local needs and use our expertise in a multitude of public health areas to be a potential provider, partner and sub-commissioner of public health interventions.
15. In response to this challenge, we have developed with our district colleagues an East Lancashire District Council Public Health Offer (Appendix 1), outlining the health gains associated with our core functions and how we contribute to these gains through the services we provide. All East Lancashire districts are now seeking approval of this Offer, with a view to presenting a consolidated East Lancashire District Health Offer to the Pennine Lancashire Health & Wellbeing Partnership, as and when it is convened.

Pendle Health & Wellbeing Group

Progress

16. Pendle's Health and Wellbeing Group aims to support and advance, through collaborative working, improved health outcomes within Pendle, with an emphasis on reducing health inequalities.

17. Over the last 12 months, this group along with the wider redesign of public health at county level, has enabled significant progress to be made locally in a number of areas, including:

- **Influencing commissioners-** we have successfully facilitated the mainstreaming of the Pendle Genetic Outreach project, an infant mortality prevention initiative. This is now an ELCCG commissioned service and has been expanded to operate across East Lancashire.
- **Delivering ‘value added’ initiatives-** a Pendle Dementia Action Alliance has been established to support the roll out of the Dementia Friends movement. The Alliance has developed an action plan to support the creation of a dementia friendly Pendle. It has successfully drawn down funding from across the private and public sector to deliver a high profile Dementia Awareness Day in May 2016 and develop a Pendle Dementia Services director. The Alliance plans to deliver further awareness events throughout Pendle (the next one is planned for 4th October in Colne).
- **Supporting community resilience-** we have started engaging with SPICE and LCC to consider a time credit scheme for volunteers to help build up our social capital infrastructure. The Spice Time Credit scheme support people in giving their time to strengthen communities and to design and deliver better services. An East Lancashire model is being proposed and discussions are currently underway with potential local spend partners to build up the range of local rewards for volunteers.
- **Understanding current health and wellbeing provision-** We have undertaken a mapping exercise to better understand the extent of current health and wellbeing provision in Pendle, identify service gaps and potentially influence future commissioning arrangements.

18. Pendle’s Health & Wellbeing Group, chaired by the former Health & Wellbeing portfolio holder, Cllr Whalley, has met quarterly and has allowed us to retain a local presence around health and wellbeing, with strong links established to the wider health structures and processes (mainly the East Lancashire Health & Wellbeing Partnership). However, with the Lancashire health economy currently under review with the likely transition to a larger locality health economy footprint (see above), it is proposed that we revisit Pendle’s health structures and membership to ensure alignment with any emerging, integrated Pennine Lancashire model. Any changes to the Pendle arrangements will be driven by Pendle’s Health & Wellbeing Group.

2016/17 Priorities

19. The Pendle Public Health Assessment identified the following health themes as 2016/17 priorities for Pendle:

- *Tackling the increasing rates of obesity-* obesity appears to be increasing at a more rapid rate than the national average, particularly amongst year 6 children.
- *Increasing physical activity levels-* physical activity rates are declining more significantly than the national average.
- *Reducing smoking* – despite the falling rate, smoking related deaths remains higher than the national average
- *Reducing infant mortality-* infant deaths still remain significantly above the national average.
- *Improving mental wellbeing-* suicide rate in Pendle is higher than the national average and appears to be increasing more significantly than the national rate.

20. Through discussions with LCC's Director of Public Health, the following workstreams have been identified for future collaborative partnership working:

- Dementia friendly communities
- Lancashire Wellbeing Service
- Building community resilience- time credit scheme

Future challenges

- Influencing the emerging Pennine Lancashire Transformation Programme
- Ensuring prevention public health policy remains central to local delivery and investment.

Burnley and Pendle Children's Partnership Board

Progress

21. The Board brings local agencies together to support effective collaboration in the development and delivery of services to children and their families. It sits underneath the County-wide Children and Young People's Trust, and is a means by which local priorities can be influenced by local people.

It has focused on its action plan priorities over the last year via the sub-groups:

- Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) – awareness;
- Family Learning
- Multi-Agency Safeguarding Practice Inspection (MASPI)

Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)

22. Following the survey submitted to parents in Pendle and Burnley, the CSE task group organised two events during CSE Awareness Week, in November 2015:

- An internet safety session in Barnoldswick (unfortunately only one parent and young person attended); and
- A pop-up cinema in Colne Library (this was very well attended)

The group now meets immediately after Pendle Youth Forum as it involves many of the same services. This group has recently joined with Burnley.

23. The Burnley and Pendle CSE group has also been meeting over the last year, to provide a link between strategic plans and district delivery. It has developed a local action plan to support the delivery of the pan-Lancashire CSE Strategy and Action Plan. Gathering local intelligence on CSE trends and hotspots to inform this plan has been challenging, but some data has now been collated by partners to support future preventative work and action. The group has now merged with the Hyndburn, Ribble Valley and Rossendale CSE group to form an East Lancashire CSE Group, with its first meeting due to take place on 6th July.

Family Learning

24. The Family Learning Festival is a national campaign. Various family-related activities took place across Burnley and Pendle involving services such as Parks, Libraries and Schools, to raise the profile of family learning.

25. The Family Learning sub-group, which originated in Burnley, now also has good Pendle representation. Partners have worked on a practical level, getting involved in the activities

described above, and also taking opportunities to bring family learning into services, for example, providing books in waiting areas.

26. The sub-group currently looking into a potential project regarding early years and 'school readiness'. The broad aim is to join up preschool activity via Children's Centres and nurseries with schools in the period before children start school in Reception class, to engage with and support children and families to be 'school ready'. The group is currently searching for funding opportunities to pursue this piece of work. It is envisaged that the project will focus on a number of schools in the most deprived areas of Pendle and Burnley.

Multi-Agency Safeguarding Practice Inspection (MASPI)

27. Following these inspections (back in June 2013 for Pendle and more recently for Burnley), a task and finish group was established to look at key themes and outstanding actions. The group organised a Safeguarding conference, held in October 2015. The event took place at Walshaw House in Nelson and was widely attended by a variety of partners. Keynote speakers addressed some of the recommendations and outstanding actions such as the importance of partnership work, reflective practice and the Prevent agenda. Workshops took place using case studies to promote multi-agency discussion and sharing practice around key safeguarding issues.

Summer Fun

28. The summer fun brochure was developed jointly across Burnley and Pendle both last year and this year. It includes key activities available over the summer, provided by key local agencies. The brochures will be delivered to schools by the second week in July and the information will also be available online.

2016/17 Priorities

29. The Board last met on 7th June 2016 where the following priorities were agreed for the Burnley and Pendle Children's Partnership Board:
- Links with business - develop work (linking in with the B&P NEET Strategy Group) to link those young people Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) and schools further with business
 - Emotional health and wellbeing – support work of the Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) transformation to support self-help and children's well being
 - CSE
 - Family Learning
 - Summer holiday activities
30. It was also agreed that the following would be discussed further to see where links could be made:
- Children's Service actions (resulting from the recent Ofsted inspection)
 - Prevent
 - Troubled families

Pendle Community Safety Partnership

Progress

31. To the end of the year March 2106 Pendle experienced a very slight increase in total crime on the previous year (52190 to 52429). Burglaries decreased by 10 % (after an initial spike

earlier in the year) down from 337 to 303 crimes . Other key crimes, saw some continued improvement but vehicle crime increased for the first time in several years going up from 553 to 626 crimes an increase of 13% . Antisocial Behaviour incidents reported to the Police reduced again for the 3rd year running.

32. Pendle has started the year with an increase in all crime' (+8.1%) – this is not yet an exceptional increase, and the long term trend is reducing. However year to date increases have been evident in violent crime, domestic abuse, damage and 'burglary other than'. Domestic burglary has reduced year to date.
33. During the past year the CSP has met at quarterly intervals, the last meeting taking place on 12th June .Unfortunately due to changes to Police pact meetings (moving to an online Pact) and a reduction in resources to administer meetings, the Area Working Groups have been combined with the respective Area Committees where the attendance of the Police Inspector was agreed. Colne is an exception to this and has continued with an Area Working Group meeting which precedes the Area Committee . It would be fair to say there has been a loss of focus on community safety overall in those areas where the Working Groups have ceased to function. We are exploring new ways of engaging with the community in the plan which will run from 2016-2019. In November 2015 we ran a Community Safety Conference to re-engage the partnership and over 50 community and agency representatives attended . Some of the issues raised have been incorporated into our plan . During the period we have been represented at the East Lancashire Community Safety Steering Group (Executive level from PBC) and contributed significant officer time to working groups on Organised Crime , Reducing Reoffending, Casualty Reduction and the development of the new CCTV hub for East Lancs which will come into operation by the end of November 2016

The CSP has undertaken action in the following areas:

- Burglary reduction programme funded through the PCC has target hardened 25 homes to a high standard to prevent re-victimisation and the partnership has also improved security at the homes of high risk domestic violence victims under the sanctuary scheme
- Shop theft DNA scheme introduced into Nelson town centre – aiming to reduce shop theft and burglary . We are planning to make the scheme available to Colne town centre
- Fire and Rescue Pendle Farms initiative to improve emergency access and safety to isolated properties and vulnerable individuals
- Organised Crime Project - working with local partners and the East Lancs project team to undermine organised crime in the Borough. Initiatives target active criminals at the same time as prevent programmes engage with young people at risk of being drawn into organised crime activity . At the end of April 2016 at least 29 young people were involved in the programme –with additional work taking place in both primary and secondary schools .
- Organised Crime : the Borough and other partners have signed up to PAM an information sharing system which allows partners to instigate joint action to disrupt and challenge businesses supported by organised crime
- Use of new ASB powers to improve street level problems - Community Protection (CPNs) cases have now reached 113 with 31 warnings issued and 10 notices served – of the 113, 48 have been resolved; 33 without legal intervention

- ASB Mediation (Since April 2015) there have been 14 referrals of which 10 resolved 1 enforcement and 3 active
- ASBRAC – since 2010 484 victims have been referred in 460 supported out of harm with a current caseload (June 2016) of 24 .The average time on the list is just over 3.5 months.

Priorities 2016-17

34.From the analysis of crime disorder and harm in Pendle (taken from Strategic Assessment: District Profile – Lancashire Community Safety Partnership Analyst Team) the following crime and disorder threats are prioritised :

- **Antisocial behaviour**
- **Road Safety**
- **Child Sexual Exploitation**
- **Burglary**
- **Domestic Violence**

These key issues are underpinned by the following causation factors:

Alcohol and Drugs (including cannabis and legal highs becoming more widespread)

Reoffending (the most recent reoffending rate in Pendle was higher than East, pan-Lancashire and national figures)

Vulnerable People (young people highlighted as victims of Child Sexual Exploitation, Antisocial Behaviour and Road Safety).

35.The issue of Child Sexual Exploitation will be picked up by the Children's Trust Partnership. A new Partnership Plan has been produced which addresses these issues and the wider aim of greater community engagement with the community safety partnership

36.The CSP has also agreed to direct special attention to the impact of dangerous driving behaviour and speeding on pedestrian and general community well being during 2016/17 .We intend to work closely with our partners in the East Lancs Casualty Reduction Partnership to address this issue particularly focusing on young people who are at risk as victims and perpetrators .

Future challenges

- Long term future of Domestic Violence services including Refuge Provision in Pendle and essential outreach and support services to be recommissioned in Lancashire by April 2017
- Potential loss of supportive housing for young people and offenders – withdrawal of Supporting People Fund within Lancashire
- Capacity of partners to support vulnerable adults and troubled families
- Engaging effectively with communities

Vision Board

Progress

37. Over the last 12 months the Pendle Vision Board has continued with its aim of promoting the economic wellbeing of the borough and enhancing the quality of life in Pendle. The group represents the best of the borough's business people to offer one voice to represent the private sector of Pendle. The last year has seen the Board focus on new business support opportunities, job creation, lobbying for investment and supporting training and skills development. Once again this year saw the Board welcoming new, younger business members.
38. The Vision Board meetings give an opportunity for Members to discuss business conditions and there have been a number of positive messages about trade from a range of businesses, particularly manufacturing and production although recently there has been reports about the impacts of uncertainty over the pending EU referendum and raising steel prices. The Board restricts each meeting to cover a theme. The themes have included:

Pendle's Growth Plans; over the past 12 months the Board have discussed in detail the following topics on Pendle's Growth Plans:

- **Transport infrastructure** such as the M65 junction developments and studies on Colne's transport improvements.
 - The Board have endorsed and welcomed the Council's newly adopted **Core Strategy**.
 - The significant progress achieved with the development of Brierfield's **Northlight**.
 - The **Pendle Jobs and Growth Strategy** which has the potential to form employment and economic growth opportunities for the future. Includes; proposals for 3000+ new houses, extension to Lomeshaye Industrial Estate, expansion of West Craven Business Areas and the Council's award winning Gearing up for Growth programme.
39. The Board regularly themes meetings on the **Skills Agenda**. This year this has included presentations by the Chair of the **Lancashire Skills Board** to update members on the work being carried out and to inform employers how they can get involved. Members were also invited to take part in the **Talent Retention Scheme** which is tailored portal to help retain engineering skills, particularly focusing on potential job losses at Rolls Royce. Recently the Board heard a presentation by Training 2000 about **Apprenticeship Reforms** which sparked much debate and proved very relevant to Members. Finally, the Board endorsed a new pilot project commencing in September 2016 called the **Pendle Business Class Hub** which aims to foster strong relationships between employers and two of Pendle's secondary schools. The aim is to improve academic achievement and to increase employability; 5 out of the 6 Pendle employers taking part in the pilot are Vision Board members.
40. Members regularly receive information about business growth and investment opportunities. This has included presentations by the Chamber on the Regional Growth Fund's **Lancashire Business Growth Fund** and from Regenerate about the **Growth Hub Gateway and Boost 2**. A number of Pendle Vision Board members have benefitted from these funding opportunities, helping to bring new investment and job creation in to the borough.
41. In addition, the Vision Board supported the **Work Inspiration** event in February 2016. Work Inspiration is a 1 day event to provide students with an all-inclusive, business led opportunity to explore possible careers. Over 800 pupils attended from Pendle and also 25 local businesses.
42. The Vision Board also supported the **Focus on Your Business Month** in November. This is an annual, month long event which hosts workshops to support and target businesses from start-up stage right through to sector leading companies. 156 delegates attended the last

event in November and all gave positive feedback. The event will be held again in October 2016.

43. **The 5th Pendle Business Awards** event was held this year on 9th June at the Fence Gate Inn. More than 240 guests attended the event, jointly organised by Pendle Council and Pendle Vision Board. This year saw the largest number of entries in the awards and the caliber was strong; a number of categories had to shortlist 4 rather than the usual 3 businesses. The judging panels had a least one representative from the private sector which proved a very informative and successful development. The event is a great platform to promote the thriving business community in Pendle and champion Pendle as a place to invest and live in. This year the Award's Working Group commissioned a film about why Pendle is a great place to do business. The film was used to open the awards and was extremely well received. It will shortly be available to view from the www.pendle.gov.uk/vision webpage.

Future challenges

- limited land for business growth
- the uncertainty caused by the EU referendum
- poor transport networks, especially congestion at the end of the M65
- shortage of high level skills, particularly in the digital sector

IMPLICATIONS

Policy: all are priority policy action areas for the Borough Council and its partners. If all 4 theme groups deliver they will make a significant contribution to the Council's overall strategic objectives.

Financial: no direct implications from this report. Each Theme group is currently attracting funding into Pendle to deliver actions or support delivery.

Legal: The groups help the Council deliver its legal responsibility

Risk Management: None

Health and Safety: None

Sustainability: the theme groups aim to produce healthy, safe, economically sustainable communities in Pendle

Community Safety: The CSP fulfils the Borough's statutory responsibility under the 1998 Crime and Disorder Act

Equality and Diversity: the theme groups operate within the Council's equality and diversity policy

APPENDICES: East Lancashire District Council Public Health Offer

East Lancashire District Councils Public Health Offer

We, the East Lancashire District councils, ask that the emerging Pennine Lancashire Transformation Programme acknowledge the multifaceted role of districts and commit to reflect a 'whole-system' approach to preventative public health policy. This is because as District councils we are well positioned to influence and deliver many preventative measures, both through our key functions and our enabling role. Similarly, we are well placed to support the creation of integrated place-based public services.

In order to be more influential in improving our residents' health and helping to deliver the 'radical upgrade in prevention' that the NHS Five Year Forward View argues for, we recognise that, collectively, we need to:

- Demonstrate that our actions have a positive effect on public health
- Ensure that our actions are cost-effective and, where possible, offer a positive return on investment
- Strengthen our enabling role in health and communities
- Innovate in service planning and delivery

This Statement is our response to this challenge, outlining how our core functions contribute to the wider preventative agenda and our commitment to the transformation process.

Our contribution to preventative public health policy

Housing

With housing a key determinant of health, poor housing conditions are estimated to cost the NHS £2 billion every year and cost the wider economy even more. Improving poor homes can pay back quickly in reduced costs across the public sector.

The Building Research Establishment (BRE) estimates that the first year treatment costs to the NHS of leaving people in the poorest 15 per cent of housing stock in England are around £1.4 billion per year due to falls, dampness, pests, water supply, sanitation, excess cold and overcrowding, among other hazards.

For example, among the over 65s, falls and fractures occurring in the home account for 4 million hospital bed days each year in England, costing £2billion.

We are instrumental in controlling, minimising and preventing poor housing conditions by:

- Helping to facilitate access to social housing to residents who need it
- Delivering the Council's statutory homelessness function by investigating all homelessness enquiries, securing temporary accommodation, seeking re-housing and ensuring an out of hours service is in place.
- Managing Refuge accommodation scheme for women fleeing or at risk of domestic abuse
- Facilitating Pennine Lancashire Mental Health & Housing Project, a joint initiative to provide advice and assistance to individuals at risk of homeless or whose discharge from psychiatric in-patient units may be delayed by lack of appropriate housing.
- Regulating landlords in the private rented sector, including Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) . Selective licensing of landlords operates in some districts (Burnley), whereas others districts are considering areas for selective and additional licensing schemes (Pendle).

- Investigating and taking action, including prosecutions, against landlords for harassment and illegal eviction.
- Allocating the Disabled Facilities Grants to fund adaptations to enable residents to stay in their own homes for as long as possible and avoid hospital admissions.
- Working with LCC and other partners to improve the condition of the housing stock, including energy efficiency, and the health conditions of residents.

1. Environmental Health

Most aspects of environmental health services are likely to have an impact on health. For example, air and noise pollution are both associated with a number of negative health outcomes, while food-borne diseases can result in hospital visits and time off work.

The health impacts of environmental noise include sleep disturbance, annoyance and stress, tinnitus, cognitive impairment and hypertension. Initial estimates from 2008 suggest that the cumulative UK-wide impact of noise pollution on health is in the region of £2 billion to £3 billion per year (DEFRA 2008).

Our environmental health functions, many of which are statutory, are potentially vast, covering functions such as monitoring and managing local air quality, noise nuisance, food safety, enforcing the smoking ban, ensuring compliance with occupational health and safety regulations, pest control, and health protection. Each is multi-faceted in itself. For example, food safety encompasses not only the prevention of illnesses caused by bacteria and viruses, but also the avoidance of harm from contaminated food. Through the food safety function, we ensure the availability of safe and nutritious food, encourage and promote compliance with food legislation whilst also promoting accurate food labelling and healthier, affordable, accessible alternatives.

We also continue to provide essential interventions that protect communities from environmental hazards and also provide local intelligence to inform the health protection priorities. We are vital partners in emergency planning and delivering comprehensive interagency plans to respond to major public health incidents in disease control and environmental contamination.

Our environmental health officers make every contact count by recognising additional needs and ensuring referral to the appropriate services e.g. Lancashire wellbeing service, affordable warmth.

2. Parks and Leisure

Leisure facilities and greenspace can help increase physical activity, healthy eating and general wellbeing through open, environmentally clean surroundings.

Physical inactivity is one of the biggest health challenges facing us as a nation. Across pan-Lancashire, an average of 49% of adults is estimated to be physically inactive. In April 2013, Sport England estimated that the cost of physical inactivity in Lancashire was £29,282,690.

Nationally, Sport England suggests that the economic value of sport is around £11 billion every year, of which around £1.7 billion is related to avoidable NHS costs. Innovative reduced-cost schemes and free access to leisure services suggests that up to £23 in value is created for every £1 invested.

Well over half the adult population in Lancashire (68%) are now living with excess weight which can impact significantly on health, employment and life expectancy. Severe obesity reduces life expectancy by around 8–10 years – the same reduction as a lifetime of smoking. Obese and overweight individuals also use more health and social care services; costs to the wider economy have been estimated at £27 billion, including costs to the NHS, social care and days off due to sickness.

Green, public spaces are a vital community resource for physical activity. District councils provide and manage much of the local green spaces such as parks, playing pitches, play grounds and allotments. Wherever possible, we are working with our Town and Parish councils to continue to ensure such provision remains in public ownership. Districts have been involved in planning cycle routes to improve the cycling offer and reach locally.

In East Lancs, the leisure function (delivered through 4 Leisure Trusts and 1 council, Ribble Valley) provide the services within the leisure centres, sports development and weight loss programmes, targeting specific groups by their age, health needs or socioeconomic group to boost physical activity rates. District councils work closely with their Leisure trusts and are valued members of district Health and Wellbeing groups with healthy lifestyles a priority for many local partnerships. The recently formed East Lancashire Leisure Consortium now offers scope for synergy across the districts.

3. Community Safety and Licensing

The impact of crime and fear of crime on health and well-being is well documented and is particularly emphasised in areas of deprivation and upon vulnerable individuals. Exposure to crime and anti social behaviour in all its forms is a wider determinate of health contributing to anxiety and mental illness and can undermine the confidence of whole communities. In some instances it can result in serious physical injuries and long term problems. Districts are instrumental in Community Safety Partnerships and through their priorities and partnership working help to reduce the negative impact of crime on both communities and individuals. By working collaboratively, both locally and across East Lancashire, we directly address a number of health issues:

- Support vulnerable victims of anti-social behaviour
- Domestic Violence – including the provision of hostel facilities for those escaping violence
- Reduce re-victimisation of victims of burglary and other crimes
- Casualty reduction – with an aim to reduce child pedestrian casualties of road accidents
- Supporting agencies and communities to tackle substance misuse and aid recovery of users
- Implement the Council's policies on Licensing and Gambling which can help support Health & Wellbeing Boards to measure the health impacts of granting alcohol licences and shaping local licensing policy.
- Licence premises for the sale of alcohol and work with retailers to promote responsible drinking and reduce the sale of high strength alcohol.
- Piloting the Pennine Lancashire Transforming Lives programme to seek coordinated resolution of individuals with complex needs and demands on agencies. Transforming Lives panels are being set up in all East Lancashire districts, supported by a Co-ordinator. These will deal with vulnerable adults with complex needs but seek to move to a preventions and early help model – i.e. individuals at risk of crisis.
- Promote early intervention opportunities for families and young people
- Weekly Environmental Visual Audits in priority areas to remove fly-tipping and highlight accumulations of rubbish in yards for enforcement action
- A Dog Warden service that promotes responsible dog ownership relating to fouling; noise and nuisance
- Community Protection investigation and enforcement to problem solve issues that are detrimental to the quality of life of residents
- Direct delivery of health projects e.g. Transformation Challenge award pilot – Living Well, Living Better in Rossendale to tackle social isolation and loneliness.

4. Employment & Welfare

Districts process housing benefit and council tax support, and can signpost individuals to debt advice, credit unions and budgeting help with many of the East Lancashire Districts currently providing grant funding for the local CAB service. For the vulnerable in society and those falling on hard times, such services have a fundamental impact on the wider determinants of poor health.

Through our business support teams, we also work with businesses to provide the right local conditions for growth to help reduce unemployment, which can be a symptom and cause of poor health.

Our enabling and influencing role

Beyond delivering the core functions outlined above, we believe that district councils have enabling roles that underpin good public health. These affect and shape how other functions are delivered and therefore their impacts on health.

1. Planning

The National Planning Policy Framework has a section on promoting healthy communities, which states that the planning system can play an important role in facilitating social interaction and creating healthy, inclusive communities. This includes measures aimed at reducing health inequalities, improving access to healthy food and reducing obesity, encouraging physical activity, improving mental health and wellbeing, and improving air quality to reduce the incidence of respiratory diseases. The framework requires us to work with public health leads and health organisations to develop a robust evidence base that takes into account future changes and barriers to improving health and wellbeing.

We can work collaboratively with e.g. ELCCG to analyse the impact of fulfilling the Government's requirement for numbers of new homes on the health infrastructure in any one district.

2. Economic development

Stable and fulfilling employment is fundamental to good health and our role in economic development and job creation is invaluable for making improvements in wider public health indicators. We approve the intention to better integrate economic development in Healthier Lancashire via the Combined Authority and hope this sets a framework for a 'whole system' approach to addressing the wider determinants.

We, along with our partners, lever significant investment into large-scale regeneration programmes, which transform local communities and deliver employment opportunities for residents. The introduction of the Community Infrastructure Levy and New Homes Bonus has strengthened local growth agendas and the importance of district councils in facilitating the economic conditions for better health outcomes. Joining with partners in Lancashire's Local Enterprise Partnership and Lancashire's Combined Authority, we can help deliver a new phase of collaboration with the private sector on regional growth and devolved budgets in infrastructure, housing and transport.

As districts, we facilitate and enable the local conditions for sustainable economic growth, job creation and rising living standards by:

- Working with partners to develop and deliver a programme of housing and economic projects.
- Facilitating the growth of existing businesses, attracting new investment and thereby increasing wealth and employment opportunities for local people.
- Regenerating our town centres by stimulating new retailing, leisure and office developments and enhancing the quality of the built environment, streets and public spaces.

- Facilitating the improvement of vacant/derelict sites and buildings and where possible bring them back into productive use.

3. Community engagement

District councils have an important role to play in supporting social capital by strengthening social networks and community-centred approaches to health, potentially through enabling greater volunteer involvement. Although approaches to supporting social capital vary across East Lancashire districts, examples of outputs include volunteer lead walking programmes, local Parkruns, infant mortality prevention projects and the roll out of Dementia Friendly communities.

Strengthening community resilience can have strong and direct links to health, as acknowledged too by the East Lancashire CCG's approach to social prescribing. Community capacity building is important in determining or averting health behaviours as well as resilience to, and recovery from, illness.

Districts enable and support neighbourhood forums providing opportunities for local people to input further into the local decision making structures and raise issues of concern on a neighbourhood level.

East Lancashire District Councils- our pledge to the Pennine Lancashire Transformation Programme

As outlined above, through our core functions and our enabling role, we contribute significantly to the public health and wellbeing of East Lancashire residents. We believe that the emerging local health economy now offers even greater scope to maximise our contribution. *We strongly advocate that district councils are integral to the local health policy as our contribution will significantly benefit the prevention priorities of the Pennine Lancashire Transformation Programme.*

Whilst we intend to develop specific recommendations for each of the functions outlined above (which we will do through our service planning process), at this stage we believe there is a more pressing demand to voice our commitment and influence the Pennine Lancashire Transformation process, ensuring East Lancashire districts are key to the emerging systems and structures. Our proposed Offer to the Pennine Lancashire Transformation Programme is thus:

1. To formally acknowledge our commitment to public health through our service planning process.
2. To highlight local health needs, priorities and mapping existing service provision to influence future commissioning.
3. To explore opportunities for redesigning our services and resources to maximise preventative measures and promote good health.
4. To offer opportunities for delivering and co-locating services with health and social care providers, whether public, private or voluntary.
5. To deliver commissioned ELCCG and LCC/ BwD services directly (i.e Transforming Lives, Affordable Warmth) given our experience of working in local communities and identifying hard to reach communities.
6. To continue to advocate for and support our Members in the on-going negotiations around devolution, it's opportunities for long term health improvement and its implementation.
7. To work together as district partners to identify good practice and opportunities for synergy and shared service delivery.
8. To work with other public sector bodies and our Community, Voluntary & Faith Sector partners to identify good practice and opportunities for joint working.
9. To consider opportunities for pooling budgets and resources with other public sector bodies to maximise joint working and public health gains for East Lancashire residents.

10. Facilitate a 'One Public Sector' vision for our district.

We advocate that Lancashire's Combined Authority Health & Wellbeing Board draws on district services, assets and officer expertise as a potential source of place shaping, public health delivery, integrated public services, commissioning and intelligence gathering to support the development of a more enabled and healthier Lancashire.