

REPORT FROM: HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

TO: HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PANEL

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HEALTHY FOOD/DRINK OFFER IN PUBLIC VENUES

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To consider the information collected so far with regard to the healthy food/drink offer in public venues and determine how to proceed with the Panel's work.

FOR DECISION

That the Panel considers alternative ways in which to gather information.

REASONS FOR DECISION

In order to get a complete picture of the healthy food/drink offer in public venues.

ISSUE

BACKGROUND

1. According to research, obesity levels have risen in the UK from 15% in 1993 to 27% in 2015, with nearly two thirds of adults in England overweight or obese (63%).
2. Obesity is a major public health problem due to its association with serious chronic diseases and the costs to both individuals and society as a whole. It is an issue that is being addressed by national government.
3. Locally, healthy weight is a growing concern. The amount of childhood obesity in Pendle is greater than the national average, with 22.2% of children aged 10-11 in the district classified as obese.
4. Pennine Lancashire was initially selected as one of 13 areas to tackle childhood obesity as part of a Government Childhood Obesity Trailblazer Programme (COTP).

5. Five of these were then chosen as Trailblazer Authorities, of which Pennine Lancashire (Blackburn-with-Darwen, Burnley, Pendle, Rossendale, Hyndburn, Ribble Valley) is one.
6. The Programme will take place over 3 years and each Trailblazer Authority will receive £100k worth of funding and project support each year (total £300k).
7. As leaders of the Pennine Lancashire programme 'Healthy Place, Healthy Future' (HPHF) the funding will go to Blackburn-with-Darwen.
8. Pennine Lancashire is also one of 12 Sport England Local Delivery Pilot areas which aims to increase physical activity across the patch.
9. To support the delivery of both these programmes, Pendle Council has signed the Healthy Weight Declaration and approved the District Action Plan (submitted elsewhere on the agenda).
10. One key element of delivering these programmes is to first gain an understanding of the extent of the healthy food and drink currently offered.
11. The Panel has therefore been asked by the Pendle Health and Wellbeing Partnership Board (PHWPB) to assist in gathering information on the food and drink offered in Pendle Leisure Trust buildings, leisure sites, schools etc.

PRESENT POSITION

12. In order to collect the information needed, a brief questionnaire (Appendix 1) was developed and circulated to Pendle Leisure Trust (PLT) and a number of leisure sites in the area. A separate questionnaire (Appendix 2) was circulated to the local high schools.
13. Completed forms and menus have been received from all the PLT leisure centres plus one other leisure facility. Another facility has indicated that they are happy for a member of the Panel to visit and collect the information in person. This visit is yet to take place.
14. Two local high schools have provided copies of their lunch menu along with the completed questionnaire.
15. Full details of all responses will be circulated at the meeting.

OPTIONS

16. The Panel has been tasked with gathering information for submission to the PHWPB to assist with the work on the Healthy Place, Healthy Future programme.
17. At present, the information received is limited, particularly from the schools. Alternative ways of collecting the information need to be identified. Panel members are therefore asked to consider visiting leisure venues/schools to collect the information directly.

IMPLICATIONS

Policy:	None arising directly from this report.
Financial:	None arising directly from this report.
Legal:	None arising directly from this report.
Risk Management:	None arising directly from this report.
Health and Safety:	None arising directly from this report.
Sustainability:	None arising directly from this report.
Community Safety:	None arising directly from this report.
Equality and Diversity:	None arising directly from this report.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Leisure facilities questionnaire

Appendix 2 – Schools questionnaire

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Report to Policy and Resources Committee 24th October, 2019 (Pennine Lancashire Healthy Weight Programmes: Healthy Weight Declaration)

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