

Report Title	Pendle Health & Wellbeing Action Plan Annual progress report
Meeting	Executive
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Lead Executive Member(s)	Health & Leisure
Wards Affected	All
Public. Part Exempt, or Fully Exempt	Public
Appendices (if any)	Appendix 1- Progress of PBC actions in the Pendle Health & Wellbeing Action Plan.

1. Executive Summary

- This report provides the Executive with an update on Pendle Borough Council's annual progress in delivering the actions within the Pendle Health & Wellbeing Partnership Action Plan. It also outlines the need for strategic review on health and wellbeing.

2. Recommendations

For the reasons set out in this report, the Executive is recommended to:

- 2.1 Note Pendle Borough Council's progress in delivering its actions within the Pendle Health & Wellbeing action plan.
- 2.2 Support ongoing partnership engagement so the Council can continue to contribute effectively to shared health priorities.

3. Information

- 3.1 This report provides an annual progress update on the Council's actions within the Pendle Health & Wellbeing Partnership 2024–2026 Action Plan. The Executive agreed in November 2024 to receive annual updates on the Council's health & wellbeing actions, with quarterly reports considered by the Health & Wellbeing Partnership to track performance of the wider plan.

Background

3.2 Since its establishment in March 2023, the Pendle Health & Wellbeing Partnership identified the need for a more targeted and collaborative approach to improving health outcomes. In doing so, the Partnership reviewed local evidence and delivered large-scale engagement events with a range of partners to determine priorities and co-design a targeted action plan, resulting in the 2024–2026 Health & Wellbeing Action Plan. This evidence-based plan focused on three priority areas:

- **Improving health outcomes for children and young people**, including:
 - Promoting healthy eating and physical activity
 - Raising educational attainment and school readiness
 - Reducing hospital admissions, with a focus on under-5s
- **Improving health outcomes for Bradley residents**, aligned with the ICB Priority Ward Project and in response to Bradley’s poor IMD health ranking.
- **Shaping integrated services** through collaboration, alignment of assets and resources, and shared delivery. Work with NHS partners to better utilise public estates to enhance service integration opportunities

3.3 The Executive approved the Council’s contribution to the Partnership’s Health & Wellbeing Plan in 2024, and this report now summarises what the Council has achieved during 2025, for actions that span all three priority areas.

3.4 Tackling health inequalities requires strong multi-agency collaboration. While the Council does not directly deliver health services, many of its functions support the wider determinants of health, and the Council plays an important role as a community leader—facilitating, enabling, and coordinating initiatives. Examples include:

- Developing and supporting sustainable, affordable accessible community food initiatives has involved establishing and facilitating the Pendle Food Network and mapping all community food provision for inclusion on the revised Community Support Hub.
- Environmental Health has supported LCC with the roll out of the Recipe for Health scheme resulting in Pendle having the highest level of Recipe for Health

accredited food outlets in Lancashire. The scheme has been incorporated into Pendle's Holiday Activities and Food programme with only Recipe for Health food providers considered to deliver the food offer.

- The Economic Growth team has coordinated a number of initiatives to raise aspirations of young people. Working with local schools and employers, the events have been well received and proved popular by the schools.
- The recently established Health Infrastructure & Service Integration group, currently chaired by Economic Growth, has been established to help influence strategic asset plans and explore opportunities to better integrate health related services.

3.5 The breakdown of progress against the Council's actions is provided in Appendix One.

3.6 Overall, the update demonstrates the Council's continued commitment to reducing health inequalities through joint working and targeted intervention.

Next Steps

- Delivery of the health and wellbeing agenda will continue to be led by the Pendle Health & Wellbeing Partnership, with the Council responsible for progressing its agreed actions. Oversight for the Pendle Health & Wellbeing Action Plan will remain with the Pendle Health & Wellbeing Partnership, which is currently supported by Pendle Council.
- The current Action Plan covers the period April 2024 – March 2026. Any review of the action plan will need to be part of a wider strategic review undertaken by the Partnership to take account of the evolving health and local government landscape. This process will aid the partnership, along with other locality health and wellbeing partnerships and Councils, in preparing for the statutory responsibilities of a Health and Wellbeing Board, which will be a requirement under the new Unitary Council.

3.7 It is proposed that, upon the review of Pendle Health & Wellbeing Partnership, Pendle Borough Council considers its position and approach in supporting the health and wellbeing agenda as it moves through the LGR process.

3.8 Link to Council Plan Priorities: (Providing High Quality Services and Facilities, Proud and Connected Communities and Places, Good Growth and Housing and Healthy Communities)

Housing and Healthy Communities

The Pendle Health & Wellbeing action plan supports delivery of the Council's three main actions under this priority:

- Work with Pendle's Health and Wellbeing Partnership to deliver its priorities
- Deliver programmes to support Pendle's vulnerable residents, such as Holiday, Food and Activities and Household Support Fund

4 Implications

4.1 Financial Implications

None arising from this report

4.2 Legal and Governance Implications

None arising from this report

4.3 Climate and Biodiversity Implications

None arising from this report

4.4 Human Resources Implications

None arising from this report

4.5 Equality and Diversity Implications

*All reports should consider if an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) is required, as outlined in the Equalities Guidance. If an Equality Impact Assessment is needed, this should be completed and attached as an appendix to the report.

Use the Equalities Screening Assessment link to start the process [Equalities Screening Assessment](#)

5. Consultation

N/A

6. Alternative Options Considered

N/A

7. Statutory Officer Sign off (please put an x in the relevant box below)

Section 151 Officer	X
Monitoring Officer	X

8. Background Documents

Pendle Health & Wellbeing Plan 2024- 26

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