

**HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**  
**5th DECEMBER 2024**

**ITEM NO.**

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**JOINT LOCAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY 2025 - 2029**

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**SUMMARY REPORT**

**Purpose of the Report**

1. To receive the Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JLHWS).

**Summary**

2. The JLHWS sets out the local priorities for improving the health and wellbeing of the population of Darlington. The development of the Strategy was informed by the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and a series of workshops with members of the Health and Wellbeing Board and wider partners.
3. A draft JLHWS was shared with the Health and Wellbeing Board, Health and Housing Scrutiny Committee and senior officers within Darlington Borough Council, for review and comment. All comments have been considered in the development of the final version of the Strategy.
4. There was lots of positive feedback about the JLHWS and suggestions for additional areas of focus to strengthen the Strategy. A summary of the changes made is set out below:
  - (a) Additional detail added on the wider determinants of health and drivers of health inequalities.
  - (b) Thematic ambitions have been revised.
  - (c) The key themes from the workshops have been reviewed.
  - (d) Minor changes to wording, as part of the ongoing proof reading processes.
  - (e) Since the draft JLHWS was circulated some of the national public health outcome data sources have been updated, the relevant data has been updated in the document.
  - (f) Given the planned publication date the time period of the Strategy has changed to 2025 to 2029.
  - (g) Explicit reference made to some of the other strategies and plans that have interdependencies with the JLHWS.
  - (h) Additional point added under Healthy Ways of Working, to focus on challenging racism and discrimination (reflecting the Marmot Objective 7).
  - (i) Additional point added under the priority of pregnancy and early years to focus on unintentional and deliberate injuries in children.
  - (j) Life course map now included.

- (k) Reworded the description of alcohol harms and the text describing the CDOH action.
  - (l) Changed 'a good death' to 'dying well'.
  - (m) Under the healthy places theme additional detail has been added on the building blocks of health.
  - (n) Additional detail added about the opportunities available through the planning system to increase access to healthy environments.
  - (o) Inclusion of a 'next steps' section.
5. Progress against the identified priorities will be shared through a regular cycle of update reports presented at the Health and Wellbeing Board, allowing an opportunity for reflection and discussion.

### **Recommendation**

6. It is recommended that the Health and Wellbeing Board: -
- (a) Receive the Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
  - (b) Note the content of the Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy, including the overarching priorities identified to improve the health and wellbeing of the population of Darlington.

### **Reasons**

7. The recommendations are supported by the following reasons: -
- (a) It is a statutory duty of the Health and Wellbeing Board to develop a Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

**Lorraine Hughes**  
**Director of Public Health**

### **Background Papers**

None

Lorraine Hughes extension 6203

Council Plan	The report supports the Council Plan priority of Living Well as it focuses on the health and wellbeing of the population.
Addressing inequalities	The report considers health inequalities and poor health outcomes experienced in Darlington, identifying key actions to be taken forward.
Tackling Climate Change	There are no implications arising from this report.
Efficient and effective use of resources	This report has no impact on the Council's Efficiency Programme as actions delivered will need to be contained within agreed budgets.

Health and Wellbeing	The report sets out the priorities of the Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy, to improve the health of the population.
S17 Crime and Disorder	There are no implications arising from this report.
Wards Affected	All
Groups Affected	The population of Darlington.
Budget and Policy Framework	This report does not recommend a change to the Council's budget or policy framework.
Key Decision	No
Urgent Decision	N/A
Impact on Looked After Children and Care Leavers	This report has no impact on Looked After Children or Care Leavers