

Rother District Council

Report to: Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date: 29 September 2022

Title: Health and Wellbeing Task and Finish Group

Report of: Ben Hook, Director – Place and Climate Change

Ward(s): All

Officer

Recommendation(s): It be **RESOLVED**: That:

- 1) a Health and Wellbeing Task and Finish Group be established, comprising five non-Executive Members, to explore the role that the Council plays in the overall health and wellbeing of residents;
 - 2) the Terms of Reference at Appendix A and appointments to the Group be approved; and
 - 3) any recommendations from the Task and Finish Group be considered by the Committee following the production of a final report.
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Background

1. In July 2022, this Committee, during its consideration of its annual work programme, agreed that a Health and Wellbeing Task and Finish Group (HWT&FG) should be established (Minute OSC22/08 refers).
2. This Task and Finish Group will examine the role that the Council takes, through its policies, strategies, and operations support to promote the health and wellbeing of its residents.

Terms of Reference

3. The draft Terms of Reference for the HWT&FG can be found at Appendix A.

Conclusion

4. The HWT&FG will consider the impact of the emerging local plan on healthy living and identify opportunities for new or amended policies that improve the overall health and wellbeing of residents.
5. The Group will examine the current physical infrastructure throughout the district, including the Council's own leisure assets and the proposed strategy for leisure facilities. This will also include a review of wider physical infrastructure that promotes healthy living such as those owned and operated by parish/town councils and other education or community groups.
6. Finally, there will be a review of how the current leisure provider supports and promotes the work of the local CCG and Public Health East Sussex. They will

also examine the wider impact of public health policy and how the Council could seek to better align its policies and operations to support this work.

7. The Group will then formulate a series of recommendations to the Committee for consideration and potential escalation to Cabinet and Council.

Human Resources Implications

8. The Task and Finish Group, led by the Director – Place and Climate Change, will be resourced from within the Neighbourhood Services and Plan Policy Team.

Equalities and Diversity

9. Inequalities in overall health and wellbeing often determine both the average life expectancy as well as life quality of socio-economic groups. Identifying ways to minimise these inequalities will be part of the remit of the group.

Other Implications	Applies?	Other Implications	Applies?
Human Rights	No	Equalities and Diversity	Yes
Crime and Disorder	No	External Consultation	No
Environmental	No	Access to Information	No
Risk Management	No	Exempt from publication	No

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Appendices:	A – Health and Wellbeing Task and Finish Group: proposed Terms of Reference
Relevant previous Minutes:	OSCS22/08
Background Papers: Reference Documents:	None