



## **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, 28 July 2021**

<b>REPORT TITLE:</b>	<b>PREVENTION</b>
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b>DIRECTOR OF LAW AND GOVERNANCE</b>

### **REPORT SUMMARY**

The report provides for consideration of the recommendations of the Children, Young People and Education Committee. The full minute of the Children, Young People and Education Committee and associated Report of the Director of Children, Families and Education are attached.

This matter is being referred to Policy and Resources as it is a cross-cutting policy that impacts on Adult Social Care and Public Health as well as Children, Young People and Education.

### **RECOMMENDATION/S**

The Children, Young People and Education Committee held on Tuesday, 15 June 2021 resolved to recommend that the Policy and Resources Committee:

1. Approve of the Prevention Policy Statement and Prevention Framework.
2. Approve the Breaking the Cycle programme approach.

## **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

### **1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S**

- 1.1 The emerging vision of Wirral Council is *equity for people and place and opportunity for all*, with emphasis on tackling health inequalities and improving outcomes. In this context, it is beneficial for the Council to outline a clear policy statement for prevention which promotes early intervention activity and approaches. The Prevention Framework is a tool for use by any public service to ensure that they are working to meet needs and resolve issues earlier, thereby contributing to Wirral Council's future vision.
- 1.2 Prevention is a cross-cutting theme of significance in Children's Services, Adult Social Care and Health, and Public Health. It is therefore essential that there is cross-Council agreement to prioritise preventative activity and to outline the expectations and delivery methodology for preventative approaches. Therefore, the matter is put to the Policy and Resources Committee for approval following a recommendation from Children, Young People and Education Committee.
- 1.3 The Breaking the Cycle programme is an example of how the Prevention Framework can be used to bring together a range of interventions working towards very similar outcomes. With eight projects, all working with people facing multiple disadvantage, it is anticipated that bringing them into a single programme will maximise the potential of the resource, reduce likelihood of duplication, and increase the chance of successfully supporting local people living in the most deprived wards to turn their lives around.
- 1.4 Supporting the Breaking the Cycle programme provides an opportunity to test the impact and potential of the Prevention Framework. Learning from the experience to then apply similar approaches to preventative work across people services.

### **2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 2.1 Other options have been considered as reported within the minutes of the Children, Young People and Education Committee and appended report.

### **3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 3.1 This report provides the Children, Young People and Education Committee with an overview of the prevention approach recommended for adoption by Wirral Council, including a Prevention Policy Statement and Prevention Framework. In addition, the report details the Breaking the Cycle programme, which seeks to demonstrate how a collaboration of preventative activity can maximise opportunity and lead to better outcomes for people, services, and organisations.

## **4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 There are no specific financial implications arising from this report. It is intended that existing resources will be used differently as opposed to new resources being sought.
- 4.2 Over the initial course of the Breaking the Cycle programme, which continues up to April 2023, a total of £6.54m is being invested. This includes £682k invested by Wirral Council and £5.858m from other funding sources. Each programme has specific funding, contract management and oversight arrangements. The Prevention Steering Group will have oversight of performance, but responsibility for delivery lies with the nominated Project Sponsors and Project Leads as detailed in the Appendix of the Breaking the Cycle Prospectus.
- 4.3 A number of the catalyst prevention programmes featured within the Breaking the Cycle programme are evidence-based and provide anticipated cost avoidances. Further work to consider cost benefit and cost avoidance will be undertaken throughout the programme to understand how preventative activity can contribute to the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy.

## **5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 In accordance with the Part 3B of Constitution (Committee Terms of Reference), the Policy and Resources Committee has two main areas of responsibility, which is to provide strategic direction to the operation of the Council, including making decisions on policies and co-ordinating spend not reserved to full Council, and to maintain a strategic overview of outcomes, performance, risk management and budgets.
- 5.2 the Policy & Resources Committee is charged by full Council to provide a co-ordinating role across all other service committees and retain a 'whole-council' view of performance, budget monitoring and risk management. In particular, this includes specific responsibility for a decision on any cross-cutting policies that impact on other committee areas as per section 1.2(a)(ii) of the Terms of Reference.

As part of the matter of business that was the subject of the report to Children, Young People and Education Committee falls under that responsibility reserved to the Policy and Resources Committee, the Children, Young People and Education Committee's resolution is presented as a recommendation.
- 5.3 As the decision in this matter is the subject of a recommendation from another Committee, the Policy and Resources Committee must take into account the resolution of that Committee and give due regard to the guidance and comments made by its members. The Policy and Resources Committee must not, however, consider itself bound by that Committee's recommendations or otherwise fetter its discretion; its Members must come to their own decision. In doing so, the Committee must satisfy itself that it has been provided with all relevant information or a suitable précis to enable it to comply with its duties and make a lawful decision.

5.4 Other legal considerations are as set out in the annexed report.

## **6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: STAFFING, ICT AND ASSETS**

6.1 This report is for information only and does not contain any direct resource implications.

## **7.0 RELEVANT RISKS**

7.1 The risks were covered in the original report submitted to the Committee.

## **8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION**

8.1 The report has been considered by the Children, Young People and Education Committee and the recommendation from that Committee is presented to Policy and Resources Committee. The report has also been considered by the Health and Wellbeing Board, where there was support for the approach and it was suggested that the work already ongoing in partner organisations such as the NHS around prevention and tackling health inequalities could align with that taking place within the Council.

8.2 Other Engagement and Consultation considerations were covered in the original report submitted to the Committee.

## **9.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS (EQUALITY, ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE)**

9.1 Other implications arising from the subject matter were considered as set out in the annexed report(s) and meeting minute.

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## **APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 – Report to Children, Young People and Education Committee  
Appendix 2 – Minute from Children, Young People and Education Committee  
Appendix 3 – Prevention Policy Statement  
Appendix 4 – Prevention Framework  
Appendix 5 – Breaking the Cycle Prospectus

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

[Marmot Review report – 'Fair Society, Healthy Lives | Local Government Association](#)

[Health Equity in England The Marmot Review 10 Years On full report.pdf](#)

[Childhood in the time of Covid | Children's Commissioner for EnglandChildren's Commissioner for England \(childrenscommissioner.gov.uk\)](#)

**SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)**

<b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Children, Young People and Education Committee</b>	<b>15 June 2021</b>
<b>Health and Wellbeing Board</b>	<b>16 June 2021</b>