



HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

DATE: 13TH NOVEMBER 2019

REPORT TITLE	<i>Health, productivity and inclusive economies in Liverpool city region.</i>
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REPORT SUMMARY

It is imperative that improving health is recognised as a priority for fair economic prosperity in Liverpool City Region. Data is presented in the attached report to show the impact of poor health in the city region on productivity and the leading element of that poor health. The evidence and good practice on what can be done to address poor health in an economic context is reviewed and interventions are proposed under four headings. The presentation at the meeting will summarise the interventions and ask the Board to respond to the report with consideration of whether, and to what extent, the Board has, or will, adopt the position that plans for economic development take on board poor health as a limiting factor and the actions that follow from this position. In addition, the Health and Work profile for Wirral is attached as supplementary information

Background

The Liverpool City Region (LCR) Wealth and Wellbeing Programme was initiated in July 2018 in an agreement between the council leaders, Combined Authority and Public Health England to specifically address work and economic development as key determinants of population health. It has progressed through engagement with a wide range of people across the six boroughs in LCR, through development of a public narrative on the issue and through analysis of the productivity gap and review of evidence of what would work to address the issue.

Success has been achieved in positioning Good work, health and wellbeing for all, as a leading theme in Local Industrial Strategy. By December 2019 the programme will pull together the different strands of analysis and the views of Boards and others into a framework for progress over the next 18 months.

RECOMMENDATION

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to consider the findings of the attached report and to discuss the position of the Board in Wirral, and in LCR, with regard to the view that health is an imperative in economic planning and that action to address poor health should be prioritised in economic planning.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

1.1 The attached report is a discussion document and the recommendation is to discuss the findings now to feed into a report that will make recommendations in December 2019.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

None considered.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None at this point

4.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

None at this point.

5.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT, STAFFING AND ASSETS

None at this point.

6.0 RELEVANT RISKS

None identified at this point.

7.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

Ongoing across LCR

8.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

Action in this area would reduce inequality in health

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APPENDICES **Productivity and Health report**
 Wirral Work and Health profile

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Health and Wellbeing Board	14 th November 2018