

Forest Heath District Council

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Report of the Cabinet Members for Planning, Housing and Transport and for Health, Leisure and Culture

CABINET

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CAB14/168

HOUSING AND HEALTH CHARTER FOR SUFFOLK (Decision Plan Reference: OCT14/05)

1. Summary and reasons for recommendation(s)

- 1.1 Partner organisations of the Suffolk Health and Wellbeing Board are being asked to endorse the Housing and Health Charter, which sets out eight commitments for how the organisations will work together to improve the integrated delivery of housing, health and social care.

2. Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 That Cabinet notes the content of the Housing and Health Charter for Suffolk and identify any comments or amendments to be fed back to the Health and Wellbeing Board.**
- 2.2 That the principles and commitments set out in the Housing and Health Charter for Suffolk (as contained in Appendix A to this report) be endorsed.**

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3. Strategic priorities

3.1 The recommendation(s) meet the following, as contained within the West Suffolk Strategic Plan:

(a) Strategic priority 2: *'Resilient families & and communities that are healthy & active'*

(b) *Strategic priority 3: 'Homes for our communities'*

4. Key issues

4.1 It is widely acknowledged that the type and quality of the housing that a person occupies is a major determinant on their long-term health. The Marmot Review 'Fair Society, Healthy Lives' (2010) identified a direct link between the wider determinants of health and housing. However, traditionally housing authorities and housing providers have not worked closely with health and social care providers in the both the development of housing or the delivery of support services.

4.2 In an attempt to join up strategic thinking and improve joint working the Suffolk Health and Wellbeing Board commissioned the Suffolk Strategic Housing Partnership and the HWBB Programme Office to jointly produce a Housing and Health Charter.

4.3 The Charter recognises some of the challenges and opportunities for improving and aligning housing and social care services moving forward, especially in-light of the introduction of the Better Care Fund and the need for all public sector services to make on-going financial savings. It sets out a joint commitment for sharing opportunities and costs to invest in housing as well as care and support and working with communities. Many of the principles and aspirations in the Charter align well with the West Suffolk Housing Strategy and will help us to deliver a number of the actions set out in it.

4.4 The Charter contains eight key commitments that partner organisations are being asked to endorse, the key one of which is the development of a more integrated approach to the delivery of housing, health and social care. This mirrors the work we are already developing through our joint work with Adult Social Care and the West Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Group.

4.5 The Charter will be formally adopted by the Suffolk Health and Wellbeing Board at their meeting on 15 November 2014. As well as being asked to endorse the principles of the Charter, partners are being asked to feed back any comments or suggested amendments.

5. Other options considered

5.1 The Councils could consider not endorsing the Charter but may find itself being the only authority in Suffolk not to do so.

6. Community impact

6.1 Crime and disorder impact *(including Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998)*

6.1.1 There are no direct impacts.

6.2 Diversity and equality impact *(including the findings of the Equality Impact Assessment)*

6.2.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board will undertake a Diversity and Equality Impact Assessment as part of the adoption process.

6.3 Sustainability impact *(including completing a Sustainability Impact Assessment)*

6.3.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board will undertake a Sustainability Impact Assessment as part of the adoption process.

6.4 Other impact *(any other impacts affecting this report)*

6.4.1 None.

7. Consultation *(what consultation has been undertaken, and what were the outcomes?)*

7.1 As part of the adoption process the Health and Wellbeing Board has consulted with all of the Board’s membership organisations.

8. Financial and resource implications *(including asset management implications)*

8.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from endorsing the Charter. Some of the commitments set out in the Charter may require the future pooling of budgets or the introduction cost sharing arrangements, while others could result in long term saving for the Council or wider public sector.

9. Risk/opportunity assessment *(potential hazards or opportunities affecting corporate, service or project objectives)*

Risk area	Inherent level of risk (before controls)	Controls	Residual risk (after controls)
Being the only Board organisation not to endorsing the Housing and Health Charter	Medium	Work with the Health and Wellbeing Board to implement realistic and deliverable outcomes	Low
Partner organisations may have unrealistic expectations of resource commitments arising from the Charter	Medium	Work with the Health and Wellbeing Board to implement realistic and deliverable outcomes	Low

10. Legal and policy implications

10.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from the report.

11. Ward(s) affected

11.1 All.

12. Background papers

12.1 None.

13. Documents attached

13.1 Appendix A - Draft Housing and Health Charter for Suffolk