

## **Health and Social Care Overview Scrutiny Committee (OSC)**

**Subject:** Place Based Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Strategy

**Report Item:** Information and update

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**Purpose:** This briefing paper outlines the contents of the new Blackburn with Darwen Place Based Mental health and Suicide Prevention Strategy and the timeline for completion.

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**Recommendations:** Note the contents and timeline of the Blackburn with Darwen Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Strategy.

### **Background:**

The Place Based Partnership are developing an All Age - Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Strategy. The document is a Blackburn with Darwen (BwD) strategy employing public health and population health principles, that encompasses a vision that is shared across the Place Based Partnership.

The purpose of this strategy is to have a shared document, that drive actions and holds the Partnership accountable over the upcoming five years (2024 – 2029.) It will:

- Describe the vision for Blackburn with Darwen for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention and outline six strategic priorities that bring together the ambitions for improvement across the full mental health continuum.
- Describe the leadership and governance that provides the mandate for this vision and the contributions that can be made across all sectors.
- Define the values and the approach that underpin how the vision will be achieved and that align with other key documents in BwD.
- Present the current picture in the borough, the assets and the needs drawing on local lived experience, and public health data.
- Under the six Strategic Priorities will sit action plans for delivery across sectors.

The Strategy has been developed in consultation with members of the public, staff and people with lived experience of mental health and suicide. There was a formal engagement period for the Strategy between the 30th May – 10th July 2024, with multiple ways to contribute including an Engagement Session, Online Survey and 20 Focus Group Sessions. In total, approximately 300 people have shared their views and thoughts on this strategy, and these have shaped its development.

As part of the development of this strategy, the Place Based Board will form a subgroup, namely the BwD Mental Health Delivery Group, with an accountable structure that will deliver the action plans in alignment with the values and approach of this strategy. The Place Based board will provide regular assurance updates to the Integrated Care Board, and the Health and Wellbeing Board.

The Strategy is in its final stages of development. It is due to go for sign off at the Place Based Board in September 2024, the Council Exec Board in October 2024 and the Health and Wellbeing Board in December 2024.