



REPORT OF: DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH & WELLBEING

TO: STANDARDS COMMITTEE

ON: 4th March 2020

SUBJECT: Pennine Lancashire Member Health & Wellbeing Training and Development Programme

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To inform the Committee about the proposed Pennine Lancashire cross-district health and wellbeing training programme and to seek recommendations for the development of the programme.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Standards Committee is asked:

1. To note the report as presented and endorse the development of a health and wellbeing programme for all elected members across Pennine Lancashire.
2. To make any recommendations for the development of the health and wellbeing training programme.

3. BACKGROUND

In the last three years Pennine Lancashire has been selected to deliver two large programmes of work – the Department of Health and Social Care funded Healthier Place Healthier Future (HPHF) and the Sport England funded Together an Active Future (TaAF). The programmes aim to support the health and wellbeing in our communities by improving the food environment and increasing levels of physical activity.

A particular focus of the Healthier Place Healthier Future programme is the development of Elected Members as community and system leaders who are in a position to influence the health and wellbeing of their wards. A period of consultation and engagement with Elected Members from across Pennine Lancashire earlier in 2019 identified that there is an opportunity to co-produce a comprehensive development programme.

Officers from the two programme are supporting the development of this programme, which is being co-designed with a number of Elected Members from each district to ensure it is fit for purpose, relevant and sustainable.

4. RATIONALE

One of the key levers for change within the HPHF programme is working with members to develop their knowledge, skills and confidence in supporting the health and wellbeing of their communities and challenging the wider health system to ensure the community's voice is heard during the development of Primary Care Networks.

The Pennine Lancashire wide programmes aim to support all members from all six districts to become informed and be advocates for health and wellbeing for their boroughs. Working across the districts brings the opportunity to share existing skills and knowledge in health and test and scale up what works well for the benefit of all.

The Pennine Lancashire Elected Member Health and Wellbeing Forum has been convened to support the development of a comprehensive and relevant training and development programme. The programme will be fully co-produced with members to ensure it is relevant and fit for purpose.

Whilst Blackburn with Darwen has a public health function as part of its statutory responsibility, members from district authorities reported during the consultation phase they feel they have no direct responsibility for health and wellbeing. This training programme will be designed to support the whole system approach to improving health and wellbeing and ensuring that health is seen as being everybody's business.

A suite of training and tools to support members is currently in development and will be tested with a small number of members as they are produced. Training is being designed to be both interactive and stimulating and available in a number of formats to cater for all learning styles and needs including online, face-to-face, video and audio and via a member only portal.

5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct policy implications from the report.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The cost of the development of the online training and wider development programme is funded through the HPHF and TaAF programmes. However, a primary focus for this work is to ensure the programme is embedded within everyday practice with little or no funding required in future.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Attendance at the health and wellbeing training is not mandatory for Members in terms of legislation. However, the burden of ill health on local authorities and the healthcare system is evident and it should be considered good practice to encourage involvement of all members in the programme.

8. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The officers from HPHF and TaAF are supporting the development of the comprehensive programme through their funded programmes.

9. EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

The provision of health and wellbeing training to elected members will highlight and support the health inequalities that exist within communities. The training will incorporate elements which will enhance members understanding of health equity and the impact on communities and the development of Council and healthcare services and policies.

10. CONSULTATIONS

The Standards Committee is being consulted through this report.

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