

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR, PLACE

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE SPATIAL PLANNING AND HEALTH FRAMEWORK 2019-22

Purpose of the Report

1. To inform committee of the collaborative and ongoing work that has been undertaken by the Planning Policy Team and Public Health in Nottinghamshire and to enable the Committee to support the Nottinghamshire Spatial Planning and Health Framework as contained in Appendix 1 which is a project of the Nottinghamshire Health and Wellbeing Board.

Information and Advice

2. Since April 2013, Local Authorities have had the responsibility to join local health policy up with other strategies such as planning, transport infrastructure and housing.
3. Health and wellbeing is mainly influenced by our relationships, employment, where we live, our finances and resources, housing, food, transport and education and skills.
4. The Health and Wellbeing Board has recognised the impact of creating places (physical and social environment) which support and generate good health as a demonstrable application of Health in all Policies.¹ Creation of a healthy environment for all generations to prosper in is a fundamental part of delivery of the County Councils vision for Nottinghamshire as expressed in the Councils Plan 2017-2022 “Your Nottinghamshire, Your Future”.
5. Local planning policies play a vital role in ensuring the health and wellbeing of the population is taken into account in the planning process; there is substantial evidence supporting the fact that health and environment are inextricably linked and that poor environments contribute significantly to poor health and health inequalities
6. As a result the role that planning has on health and wellbeing has been identified by the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) and partners since 2014 and endorsed in the Nottinghamshire Health and Wellbeing Strategy (2014-2017) and in the recent revision of the Joint Health and Well Being Strategy for Nottinghamshire 2018-2022. The Strategy (2018-2022) sets out the following ambitions:

¹ Local Government Association(2016) Health in All Policies: a manual for local government
<https://www.local.gov.uk/health-all-policies-manual-local-government>

- To give everyone a good start in life
 - To have healthy and sustainable places
 - To enable healthier decision making
 - To work together to improve health and care services
7. The aim of the Joint Health and Well Being Strategy for Nottinghamshire 2018-2022 is to facilitate a joint approach across Health and Wellbeing partners through the Healthy and Sustainable Places Coordination Group, the link between the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) for Nottinghamshire, and the strategic leaders in Districts and localities who are responsible for implementation of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
 8. The Nottinghamshire Planning and Health Framework (2019 -2022) brings together the Spatial Planning for Health and Wellbeing for Nottinghamshire (2016) and Planning and Health Engagement Protocol (2017) into a single guidance document. (Appendix 1).It provides guidance on addressing the impact of a proposal or statutory plans on the health and wellbeing of the population and sets out good practice to ensure health requirements are met across Nottinghamshire.
 9. The purpose of this document is to present a holistic overview of health and planning across Nottinghamshire and provide robust planning and health responses to planning application, on local plan, neighbourhood plans and the relevant planning documents, so that health is fully embedded into the planning process. In order to maximise health and wellbeing and ensuring that health/social care infrastructure requirements are considered to meet the growth requirements of the population of Nottinghamshire.
 10. The document contains a number of flow charts that set out How, When and Whom planners and health partners need to get engaged with in the planning process to ensure that strategic level planning policies reflect their own strategic priorities. The flow charts identify the key stages of the local plan process, from Issues and Options, Submission Documents through to Examination and Adoption of Local Plans and seeks to identify when to actively engage in the process and with whom. In addition the flow charts set out the different stages of planning applications and when, how and whom should be involved, stressing the importance of early engagement in pre-application discussions to ensure opportunities to incorporate health into development and meet strategic priorities. The flow charts also highlight the importance of health partners responding to planning documents and applications within statutory deadlines.
 11. The document sets out a Checklist for Planning and Health - the Nottinghamshire Rapid Health Impact Assessment Matrix (The Matrix) which focuses on the built environment and issues directly or indirectly influenced by planning decisions. As a rapid assessment tool, its purpose is to quickly ensure that the health impacts of a development proposal/local plan are identified and appropriate action is taken to address negative impacts and maximise benefits.
 12. The Framework was issued in draft form through the Nottinghamshire Health and Wellbeing Board in 2018 and has now been revised following feedback from local authority partners. It is designed to apply to the next three year period 2019-2022 and will be revised further as necessary towards the end of this period to ensure it is up to date and reflective of practical experience in using it.

13. Local Authority planners, health partners and developers should utilise the checklist when assessing development proposals and plans. The Matrix can be used by planners, applicants, developers and public health teams in the following ways:

- By planners in Local Plan Review and the development of neighbourhood plans.
- By applicants/developers in master planning applications to accompany planning application, subject to local validation requirements.
- By development management control.
- By public health as a screening 'desktop' assessment for potential health impacts as part of Public Health Planning and Health consultation process (Appendix 1)
- By internal and external consultees when responding to planning consultations.

Conclusion

14. Early engagement in the planning process is fundamental to ensure that health and wellbeing is fully embedded and will enable the consideration of health/social care infrastructure requirements to meet the needs of the population of Nottinghamshire.

15. The Nottinghamshire Spatial Planning and Health Framework 2019-2022 ensures that the potential positive and negative impacts on health and wellbeing of proposals are considered in a consistent, systematic and objective way, identifying opportunities for maximising potential health gains and minimising harms.

16. Ensuring that health is given consideration at the earliest possible stage during the planning process with an agreement as to when a Checklist for Planning and Health – Nottinghamshire Rapid Health Impact Assessment matrix should be undertaken and taking account of the wider determinants of health to address any inequalities.

Other Options Considered

17. Not to provide or update guidance on health matters in planning within Nottinghamshire and rely instead on national guidance. This option would not demonstrate the commitment of the County Council to supporting planning for health and wellbeing.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

18. To enable the Committee to support the collaborative and ongoing work that has been undertaken by the Planning Policy and Public Health teams at the County Council and approve the publication Nottinghamshire Spatial Planning and Health Framework which has been a project of the Nottinghamshire Health and Wellbeing Board.

Statutory and Policy Implications

19. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance, finance, human resources, human rights,

the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Crime and Disorder Implications

The Spatial Planning for Health and Wellbeing Guidance helps promote places which are safe and where people do not fear or fear the potential for criminal behaviour, thus contributing to wellbeing.

Data Protection and Information Governance

None

Financial Implications

None

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1. That the Committee endorse and support the publication of the Nottinghamshire Spatial Planning and Health Framework 2019-2022;**
- 2. That a Monitoring Report be received in one years time in order to gauge the impact of the Framework**
- 3. That Committee members consider whether there are any actions they require in relation to the issues contained within the report.**

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Constitutional Comments (RHC 22/5/2019)

20. Communities and Place Committee is the appropriate body to consider the contents of this report by virtue of its terms of reference.

Financial Comments (RWK 25/4/2019)

21. There are no specific financial implications arising directly from the report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- Nottinghamshire Health and Wellbeing Strategy (2018-2022)
- Spatial Planning for Health and Wellbeing for Nottinghamshire (2016)
- Planning and Health Engagement Protocol (2017)

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All