

## Environmental Sustainability Full Impact Assessment

### Impact Assessment Id: #399

#### 1.0 Screening Information

**Project Name**

Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy

**Name of Project Sponsor**

Dr Tanya Richardson

**Name of Project Manager**

N/a

**Name of Project Lead**

Lucy Chick

**Please give a brief description of the project**

New Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Board strategy for Worcestershire, a statutory duty for the Health and Wellbeing Board to have a strategy which articulates the county health needs and the priorities and actions which will improve health and wellbeing for the county population. The Strategy sets out a vision and key priorities for the board, including all its partners to improve health and wellbeing and reduce inequalities over the next 10 years

**Data Protection screening result**

Does not need a full impact assessment

**Equality and Public Health screening result**

Will require a full impact assessment

**Environmental Sustainability screening result**

Will require a full impact assessment

## 1.1 Background and Purpose

### Background and Purpose of Project?

To support your answer to this question, you can upload a copy of the project's Business Case or similar document.

Health and Wellbeing Boards were established under the Health and Social Care Act 2012 to act as a forum in which key leaders from the local health and care system could work together to improve the health and wellbeing of their local population. The Joint Local health and wellbeing strategy (JLHWS) supports this collaborative working, outlining plans to improve the health and wellbeing and reduce health inequalities in the local population.

Following the annual Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) in 2019, a working group reviewed the identified health needs and considerations for Worcestershire. The Health and Wellbeing Board reviewed evidence and local data throughout 2021 and concluded that the overarching priority for its 10-year strategy should be good mental health and wellbeing.

Members of the Health and Wellbeing Board, supported by the Public Health team, held a detailed and far-reaching public consultation to gather the views of residents, partners and stakeholders to ensure that the strategy is driven by the needs and experiences of those who live and work in Worcestershire. This consultation survey was available for 12 weeks and received 1627 responses. Alongside the survey, 30 focus groups were commissioned from a range of community groups and organisations to gather feedback on the boards priorities.

The findings from the consultation were feedback to Health and Wellbeing Board members and discussed with system leaders. The feedback helped to shape the new JHLWS and the ambitions within and will be used to help shape action plans which will support the delivery of the strategy.

### Upload Business Case or Support documents

- [□ HWB Strategy 2022-2032 - HWB 27.09.2022 FINAL.docx](#)
- [□ JLHWS DRAFT HWB 27.9.22.pdf](#)

### Project Outputs

Briefly summarise the activities needed to achieve the project outcomes.

The draft strategy attached to this submission will be agreed at the November Council and Cabinet meetings, following this action plans to support the delivery of the strategy will be developed with the Health and Wellbeing Board and Being Well Strategic Group who will oversee the delivery of the strategy. An outcomes framework

will give an overall view of the progress and improvement towards delivering the Strategy . Monitoring these measures will help to inform local decision-making, helping us better understand the wellbeing of Worcestershire, and how we can act to improve it. More specific sets of outcomes and performance indicators will form part of the action plans to assess the impacts of this Strategy.

### Project Outcomes

Briefly summarise what the project will achieve.

Ultimately the strategy aims to improve the health and wellbeing of the Worcestershire population and tackling health inequalities.

Therefore ensuring we target our work with the most vulnerable in the community by deprivation or other health needs.

The strategy will support our partners and stakeholders across the county to work together and meet the ambitions of the strategy.

### Is the project a new function/service or does it relate to an existing Council function/service?

Existing

### Was consultation carried out on this project?

Yes

## 1.2 Responsibility

### Directorate/Organisation

Chief Executive Unit (inc Finance)

### Service Area

Public Health

## 1.3 Specifics

### Project Reference (if known)

n/a

### Intended Project Close Date \*

November 2032

## 1.4 Project Part of a Strategic Programme

### Is this project part of a strategic programme?

Yes

### An overarching screening has already been carried out for the following areas:

Not recorded

### Upload previous impact assessment documents if available

No files uploaded

## 2 Greenhouse Gas Emissions

### Could the project result in an increase in GHG emissions (including CO2)? Yes

Please be mindful that the Council has committed to reduce its GHG emissions to zero by 2050 and most projects are likely to have an impact on this target. This should be a key consideration in your project delivery and should be reviewed when completing the assessment.

### Have you undertaken an assessment of the project to know if there will likely be an increase in GHG emissions? No

## 3 Resources

### Will the project result in increased consumption of electricity, gas or other heating fuels? No

e.g. project may require use of additional buildings, lighting and heating in buildings, additional ICT equipment, etc.

### Will the project reduce energy needs and result in reduced consumption? No

e.g. disposal of WCC property assets

### Will the project require additional water resources leading to an increase in water consumption? No

e.g. increased use of water through construction processes

### Might there be a decrease in water consumption? No

e.g. will the project involve water saving measures or initiatives

### Will the project result in the use of other resources, materials or minerals? No

e.g. use of natural resources such as wood; or use of aggregate minerals?

## 4 Transport

**Will the project result in more people needing to travel? Yes**

e.g. will there be additional cars on the road

**Please explain your answer below:**

Providing safe and accessible opportunities for active and sustainable travel will have an impact in terms of more people travelling, although this will be promoted to be in a sustainable manner.

**Have alternative transport modes been considered? Yes**

e.g. could use be made of public transport/walking/cycling etc.

**Please explain your answer below:**

The wider natural and built environment (including access to green space, leisure opportunities and active transport) can also influence our health and wellbeing. The strategy aims to improve access to quality jobs, training and volunteering, this includes recognising access issues and barriers for all ages, including access to reliable and affordable public transport.

## 5 Waste

**Is there likely to be an increase in waste as a result of the project? No**

e.g. construction waste, packaging waste etc.

**Have opportunities to prevent, minimise, reuse or recycle waste been identified and considered? No**

e.g. will recycling facilities be available as part of the project

## 6 Wildlife and Biodiversity

**Will there be any negative impacts on the natural environment? No**

e.g. will the project involve removal of green space/trees; have wildlife surveys been considered; result in enhancements to green infrastructure; increased biodiversity opportunities etc.?

**Has a preliminary ecological appraisal been undertaken? No**

**Has there been consideration of statutory assessments? No**

e.g. Sustainability Appraisals, Strategic Environmental Assessments and Habitat Regulations Assessment Screening?

N.B. This is a matter of legal compliance - All plans and projects (including planning applications) which are not directly connected with, or necessary for, the conservation management of a habitat site, require consideration of whether the plan or project is likely to have significant effects on that site. This consideration – typically referred to as the 'Habitats Regulations Assessment screening' – should take into account the potential effects both of the plan/project itself and in combination with other plans or projects.

## 7 Pollution to land/air/water

**Is there a risk of pollution to the local environment? No**

e.g.

- will there be surface water run-off or discharge into local water source?
- will there be any impact on local water quality?
- will any waste water require treatment?
- is there the potential for spillage of chemicals?
- is there the potential for emissions to air from combustion processes resulting in poor air quality?

## 8 Resilience to climate risks

**Could climate risks affect your project? No**

N.B. some projects may be more sensitive to future changes in the climate e.g. hotter and drier summers; milder and wetter winters; increased likelihood of extreme weather events. These climate risks may affect project delivery and should be considered at the early stages of project development.

**Has the impact of extreme weather events on the project been considered? No**

e.g. heat waves and flooding.

**Is there a business/project continuity plan in place to ensure climate risks are minimised? No**

e.g. can you ensure that the project is resilient to climate risks and can continue to deliver on outcomes.

**Could the project exacerbate climate risks? No**

e.g. increase flood risk or worsen temperature extremes in the locality.

**Will the project result in the use of other resources, materials or minerals? No**

e.g. use of natural resources such as wood; or use of aggregate minerals?

## 9 Historic Environment

**Have you checked with the WCC Historic Environment team as to whether there are any impacts on the Historic Environment (negative or positive)?**

**No**

Check every development with the Historic Environment Team at the planning stage of each project. Further assessment may be required depending on the nature and scale of development. There may also be design options that would negate any need for further assessment (and lessen costs), or even opportunities to enhance heritage assets or their setting through the development.

**Does the development have the potential to result in any impacts to the historic environment or opportunities for enhancement?**

**No**

If yes, then further assessment will be required. This could take the form of a watching brief during groundworks if the potential is clearly understood and relatively low, or a more comprehensive desk-based and/or field investigation prior to development.

## 10 Procurement

**Could any procurement associated with the project have a detrimental environmental impact? No**

e.g. procurement of goods from overseas that have to be shipped; use of unsustainable materials or materials that cannot be recycled at the end of their use?

**Is there likely to be increased Greenhouse Gas emissions from products purchased for the project? No**

e.g. carbon emissions from transport and manufacturing

**Will you be able to make use of sustainable products? No**

e.g. recycled, local, ethical etc.

**Have you considered the Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012? No**

All major contracts let by the Council (those of more than £100,000 in total value) will be expected to deliver a meaningful contribution to our vision of Social Value in the county. The Act requires us to consider how the services we commission and procure might improve the economic, social and environmental well-being of the local area.

– please see: [Social Value](#)

## 11 Declaration

I have confirmed that to the best of my knowledge that the information I have provided is true, complete and accurate

I have confirmed that I will make sure that Environmental Sustainability has been and continues to be considered throughout the project life cycle and should circumstances change in the project a further Environmental Sustainability Assessment Screening will be carried out.

## 12 Application Details

### Last Updated Date Time

12/10/2022 10:10:42

### Screening Submitted Date Time

14/09/2022 12:14:02

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11/10/2022 17:33:47

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11/10/2022 17:37:18

### Approved/Rejected Date Time

12/10/2022 10:10:42

### Current User Dashboard Request Status

Complete

## 13.0 People with access to the original screening

[Lucy Chick \(LChick@worcestershire.gov.uk\)](mailto:LChick@worcestershire.gov.uk)

## 13.1 People with access to this environmental sustainability assessment

[Lucy Chick \(LChick@worcestershire.gov.uk\)](mailto:LChick@worcestershire.gov.uk)

## 14 Direct Questions

### Question:

Many thanks for completing the Environmental Sustainability FIA.

Please note the following comments. Your responses are required before we can approve completion of the FIA:

Vulnerable individuals within the community are much more exposed to the negative impacts of climate change (e.g. flooding and extreme heat events) and negative environmental impacts (such as poor air quality) affecting those who are more vulnerable than others (e.g. elderly, homeless, those with underlying health conditions). The Health and Wellbeing Strategy will play a large part in addressing the impacts (and related health inequalities) of climate change in the County. Section 8 - Resilience to Climate Risk should ideally address this significant issue and the impact that the strategy can have. There is little reference to climate change in the strategy itself - perhaps this should be more prominent?

The subsequent action plans which will outline how the strategy will be delivered and include more specific sets of outcomes and performance indicators will require a new Joint Impact Assessment to be completed please.

Katie Bruton  
Sustainability Team

Asked by Katie Bruton (KBruton@worcestershire.gov.uk) at 28/09/2022 13:02:35

Lucy Chick (LChick@worcestershire.gov.uk) has been asked this question.

### Response:

Thank you for your response, the proposed Strategy has been approved by the Health and Wellbeing Board for submission to Cabinet & Council. We can make sure any references to the environmental impacts and the impacts on those who are most vulnerable and embedded into the action plans. This will be in particular relation to the wider determinants of health in the supporting actions for 'safe, thriving and healthy homes, communities and places' and the 'quality local jobs and opportunities'. Within the development of these action plans we will also consider ongoing assessments and reviews, particularly when the strategy itself is updated. We will also be doing this in conjunction with the board and with engagement across our partners and stakeholders for which input is welcomed.

Lucy Chick (LChick@worcestershire.gov.uk) at 04/10/2022 14:23:51

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### Question:

Many thanks for your response, we would welcome references to the identified environmental impacts and those most vulnerable within the action plans.

Having reviewed the strategy again, there are more areas within the strategy which could be pulled through into the FIA please, particularly some of the positive aspects, such as p20: Supporting people on low incomes to keep their homes warm and well-insulated - this will have an impact in terms of use of resources (Q2) and impacts on Greenhouse Gas emissions (Q2), for example.

Also on p20: Providing safe and accessible opportunities for active and sustainable travel - this will have an impact in terms of more people travelling (albeit in a sustainable manner), so the answer should probably be 'Yes' for Q4.

Resilience to climate risks (Q8) we feel should really be a key thread throughout the Strategy. The impact of extreme heat during heatwaves, for example, does not feature in the strategy, yet the heatwaves this summer resulted in 3,000 excess summer deaths.

Appreciate the strategy has already been approved by the H&WB, but we would welcome the opportunity to input into any future strategy updates.

Asked by Katie Bruton (KBruton@worcestershire.gov.uk) at 11/10/2022 14:14:19

Lucy Chick (LChick@worcestershire.gov.uk) has been asked this question.

### Response:

Response from Lucy Chick - In accepting your query regarding Q4 and Q2 and amending this to say 'yes' – it's resubmitted my assessment and removed your question so I can't answer your other comments. However, it would be safe to say that we would welcome the opportunity to discuss building stronger links and references to the wider environmental and sustainability impacts within the action plans as requested.

Katie Bruton (KBruton@worcestershire.gov.uk) at 12/10/2022 10:08:37

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