

## Environmental Sustainability Full Impact Assessment

### Impact Assessment Id: #579

#### 1.0 Screening Information

**Project Name**

Staying Healthy in Worcestershire

**Name of Project Sponsor**

Katie Deeley

**Name of Project Manager**

Katie Deeley

**Name of Project Lead**

Katie Deeley

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

This will be an integrated community-based service responsive to the needs of residents. Where people can access programmes that support them to reduce their risk of falls, provide healthy lifestyle advice and opportunities to develop social connections.

**Data Protection screening result**

Will require 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.

This will be an integrated community-based service that's responsive to the needs of residents, which results in empowering communities to improve health and wellbeing. The core programme will offer exercise interventions designed to reduce the risk of falls and maintain independence, as well providing a broad range of health and wellbeing advice to service users either face to face, via telephone or digital.

The 'Healthy Worcestershire Service' will address health issues that are seen across the county but are more prevalent in some districts. For example, residents in the district of Redditch suffer with higher rates of obesity and are more likely to be physically inactive. The service will contribute to addressing health inequalities, and show measurable improvements in levels of physical activity, strength, balance, and flexibility, maintaining a healthy weight, and social connectedness. The service will also help to increase awareness of community safety issues such as doorstep crime, scams, and fraud by directly educating participants on how they can keep themselves safe

**Upload Business Case or Support documents**

[□ Healthy Worcestershire Programme - report for the leader.docx](#)

**Project Outputs**

Briefly summarise the activities needed to achieve the project outcomes.

The Healthy Worcestershire programme will be operated out of a range of community venues and be delivered via structured, professionally led sessions. These sessions will be delivered on a weekly basis and include a range of supportive activities:

First, these sessions will incorporate an evidence-based physical activity programme targeted towards improving strength and balance. The focus will be on preventing falls and maintaining participants' mobility, health and confidence. This will be supplemented with lifestyle advice including support with weight management and other positive health behaviours.

Second, the sessions will also incorporate a strong focus on community safety, including advice and sessions on how to avoid fraud, doorstep crimes and internet-based scams. These sessions will be tailored to the local area based on up-to-date intelligence from the Police, Trading Standards and Community Safety Partnerships.

Third, the emphasis within both the health and community safety elements of the programme will be on building social connections. The sessions themselves will be enjoyable, incorporating activities that provide a positive experience for attendees that they will want to keep coming back to. In addition, social prescribing will be delivered that signposts participants to other community activities and projects, such as walking groups, arts and music projects or volunteering opportunities. Grants will be made available by the Public Health to build and enhance the local choice of community activities available in each area where sessions run.

The Healthy Worcestershire programme will blend the efficiency of a county-wide approach with significant tailoring and ownership at a local community level. This will be reflected in the branding and promotion of the programme as well as the content and focus of the sessions themselves. Care will be taken to work with the local community and compliment rather than compete with existing local activities and groups. The provision of grants in addition to the structured programme will support this aim.

### **Project Outcomes**

Briefly summarise what the project will achieve.

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The purpose of the Service will be to provide accessible information and support services across the County, focusing on:

- Improving levels of physical activity (focusing on strength, balance and flexibility)
- Decreasing the risk of injurious/ non-injurious falls
- Decreasing loneliness and social isolation
- Increasing community safety
- Improving healthy lifestyles

This project will aim to contribute to improving the following public health outcomes:

E13- Hip fractures in people aged over 65 (Public Health Outcomes Framework, 2023).

C16 – Percentage of adults (18+) classified as overweight or obese (Public Health Outcomes Framework, 2023)

C17a- Percentage of physically active adults (Public Health Outcomes Framework, 2023).

C17b- Percentage of physically inactive adults (Public Health Outcomes Framework, 2023).

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

New

### **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)**

Not Recorded

### **Intended Project Close Date \***

March 2027

## 1.4 Project Part of a Strategic Programme

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

No

## 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?** Yes

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

**Please explain your answer below:**

The programme will be delivered in community venues at a variety of times to cater for residents. The community buildings being used may open additional hours to support the programme such as at weekends. However, other venues that are open at unsociable hours anyway (local leisure centres etc..) will not see an increase in the use of electricity and heating.

**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:**

The staff delivering the service will need to travel across the county by car due to the transport of equipment. Emissions will be kept at a reduced level as sessions are being delivered locally.

**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 service specification will require the provider to deliver sessions in accessible locations that have good public transport links. Residents will be encouraged to use public transport to access the sessions wherever possible.

## 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? Yes**

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](#)

**Please explain your answer below:**

The service specification will require the provider to evidence how they will make a positive impact on social value. i.e. local employment opportunities, paying for the use of local community venues etc...

## 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

28/09/2023 12:42:47

### Screening Submitted Date Time

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28/09/2023 12:38:34

### Full Impact Submitted Date Time

28/09/2023 12:40:40

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28/09/2023 12:42:47

### Current User Dashboard Request Status

Complete

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## Direct Questions

### Question:

Hi Katie

Can you just have a look at the below before I can accept the submission, please?

Section 2: "The staff delivering the service will need to travel across the county by car due to the transport of equipment. However, this may be nullified by residents not needing to use a car to access provision as the sessions will be delivered locally."

Amend this as emissions can't be nullified in this way. I think it's fair to say that emission will be kept at a reduced level as sessions are being delivered locally and leave it at that.

If you could reflect the above in your responses, I will accept the assessment for you.

Many Thanks, Anna

Sustainability Team

Asked by Anna Wardell-Hill (AWardellHill@worcestershire.gov.uk) at 27/09/2023 15:17:22

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