

	<u>Agenda Item: 12</u>
Report to:	Birmingham Health & Wellbeing Board
Date:	26th September 2023
TITLE:	FAST-TRACK CITIES+ UPDATE
Organisation	Birmingham City Council
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Report Type:	Information
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1. Purpose:

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to provide an update on recent outputs produced for the Birmingham Fast-Track Cities+ (FTC+) programme, a programme that aims to reduce new infections and deaths from human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C (blood-borne viruses (BBVs)) and tuberculosis (TB) in Birmingham by 2030.
- 1.2. The outputs of note include the Engagement/Needs Assessment Summary, Action Plan and Data Dashboard, which are referenced in the Appendices.

2. Implications (tick all that apply):

Creating a Bolder, Healthier, City (2022-2030) – Strategic Priorities	Closing the Gap (Inequalities)	x
	Theme 1: Healthy and Affordable Food	
	Theme 2: Mental Wellness and Balance	
	Theme 3: Active at Every Age and Ability	
	Theme 4: Contributing to a Green and Sustainable Future	
	Theme 5: Protect and Detect	x
	Getting the Best Start in Life	
	Living, Working and Learning Well	x
	Ageing and Dying Well	x
Joint Strategic Needs Assessment		

3. Recommendation

- 3.1. The Board is asked to review and note the following outputs produced for the Fast-Track Cities+ programme:
- 3.1.1. Engagement and Needs Assessment Summary (Appendix 1)
 - 3.1.2. Action Plan (Appendix 2)
 - 3.1.3. Data dashboard (screenshots shown in Appendix 3) to be agreed by the FTC+ Project Board and Director of Public Health
- 3.2. The Board is asked to note that the FTC+ Project Board now reports to the Health Protection Forum and other appropriate fora to oversee and coordinate efforts to deliver the Action Plan

4. Report Body

Background

- 4.1. This is the first report to the Health and Wellbeing Board for FTC+ however reports have been made to Birmingham City Council Cabinet as set out at 4.8.
- 4.2. A key focus of Theme 5 within the Birmingham Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy is to protect individuals from the harm caused by infectious diseases such as HIV, hepatitis B, hepatitis C and TB through early detection and treatment. For this reason, Birmingham is one of 12 local authorities in the UK and one of 300+ international cities signed up to the FTC programme.
- 4.3. At its core, the programme aims to reduce health inequalities. Prevalence rates of BBVs and TB are higher for Birmingham than the average for England. Prevalence rates are also higher among certain vulnerable population groups compared to the general population. These include but are not limited to: homeless and rough sleepers, people who inject drugs, sex workers, LGBTQ+ individuals, women of reproductive age, Black African individuals, South Asian individuals, people aged 60+, men who have sex with men, young people aged 13-25, refugees and asylum seekers.
- 4.4. After the FTC+ Steering Group agreed that Birmingham was equipped to officially sign up to the programme and commit to achieving the targets, Birmingham officially signed up to the programme in October 2022. An in-person Signing Ceremony was held, during which the Lord Mayor and the Vice President of International Association of Providers of AIDS Care (IAPAC), the organisers of the FTC programme, signed the Paris Declaration (Appendix 4), committing to reduce new infections and deaths from BBVs and TB in Birmingham. Stakeholders from the National Health Service (NHS), UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID), community groups and industry attended due to the joint-working nature of the project.
- 4.5. A FTC+ Project Board has now been established to oversee the delivery of the programme led by Birmingham City Council's Public Health Team.
- 4.6. More information about the programme can be found on the Birmingham FTC+ webpage (www.birmingham.gov.uk/ftc). In summary, the aims of the programme are as follows:
- 4.6.1. To strengthen existing programmes and focus resources to accelerate locally co-ordinated, city-wide responses to end HIV/AIDS by 2030.
 - 4.6.2. To attain the UNAIDS 95-95-95 targets (page 3, Appendix 1) by 2030 and achieve zero stigma and discrimination.
 - 4.6.3. To attain a series of targets for hepatitis B (page 3, Appendix 1), hepatitis C (page 3, Appendix 1) and TB (page 4, Appendix 1).

Key statistics

- 4.7. Based on currently available data, progress against some of the FTC+ targets are listed below. The full targets and data can be found in Appendix 5. To note that the targets highlighted in red have yet to have baselines sourced and agreed.

Engagement/Needs Assessment, Action Plan and Data Dashboard

- 4.8. Approval for funding was received from Cabinet during December 2020 ([CMIS Decision Details can be found here](#)) and approval was received from Cabinet on an update paper during June 2022, which detailed amendments to the funding ([CMIS Decision Details can be found here](#)). Since then, work on the Birmingham FTC+ programme has progressed. To date, activities include:
- 4.8.1. An Engagement and Needs Assessment exercise conducted during 2021 to establish the views of citizens and stakeholders in Birmingham regarding BBVs and TB and analyse how current data compares to the overall targets. A summary version of the report has been drafted and made accessible. Once noted by the Health and Wellbeing Board, the document will be made publicly available. Please see Appendix 1 for the final version of the report.
- 4.8.2. Based on the recommendations from the Engagement/Needs Assessment, an Action Plan has been developed to set out the actions required to meet the targets of the programme, and can be seen in Appendix 2. This Action Plan sets out required actions, suggested timescales, resource allocations and responsible teams from the FTC+ Steering Group, where available. The report has been made accessible and remains a working document due to its dynamic nature. Work is ongoing to identify timescales, resources, and delivery partners to achieve all actions set out in the plan. Once noted by the Health and Wellbeing Board, the document will be made publicly available. It is recommended that the actions are reviewed by the FTC+ Steering Group and Project Board quarterly to ensure the programme remains on track.
- 4.8.3. A key finding of the Engagement/Needs Assessment was the need for a data dashboard to enable stakeholders to measure progress against the targets. Screenshots of the dashboard can be found in Appendix 3. The dashboard will be made publicly available on the Birmingham City Observatory once the Health and Wellbeing Board has noted it. Members of the Board can access the dashboard if they would like to, by emailing Dharini.roula@birmingham.gov.uk.
- 4.9. The Fast-Track Cities+ ambition is for work to continue and ensure stakeholder budgets are pooled together to ensure the recommendations from the Engagement/Needs Assessment can be actioned.

Upcoming Awareness Days

- 4.10. Key upcoming priorities will be to deliver local campaigns to amplify national and international awareness days such as:
- 4.10.1. World AIDS Day on 1st December 2023
- 4.10.2. HIV Testing Week during early February 2024
- 4.10.3. World TB Day on 24th March 2024
- 4.10.4. World Hepatitis Day on 28th July 2024

5. Compliance Issues

5.1. HWBB Forum Responsibility and Board Update

5.1.1. An update on progress of the FTC+ programme will be provided to the Health Protection Forum (as a sub-group of the HWBB) and other appropriate boards, at regular intervals.

5.2. Management Responsibility

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6. Risk Analysis

Identified Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Actions to Manage Risk
The list of actions included in the action plan is extensive and requires strong commitment from the relevant stakeholders. Without this commitment, there is a risk that the actions will not be achieved	Medium	Medium	Named teams and organisations are being assigned to actions in the action plan

Appendices

Appendix 1. Engagement and Needs Assessment Summary

Appendix 2. Birmingham FTC+ Action Plan

Appendix 3. Data dashboard (screenshots)

Appendix 4. The Paris Declaration

Appendix 5. Targets and Corresponding Data – July 2023

The following people have been involved in the preparation of this board paper:

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