

	<u>Agenda Item: 16</u>
Report to:	Birmingham Health & Wellbeing Board
Date:	27 September 2022
TITLE:	CREATING A CITY WITHOUT INEQUALITY FORUM UPDATE
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Report Type:	Update
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1. Purpose:
1.1 To report the progress of the Creating a City Without Inequality Forum

2. Implications:		
BHWB Strategy Priorities	Childhood Obesity	
	Health Inequalities	X
Joint Strategic Needs Assessment		
Creating a Healthy Food City		
Creating a Mentally Healthy City		
Creating an Active City		
Creating a City without Inequality		X
Health Protection		

3. Recommendation
3.1 Acknowledge the progress made by the Creating a City without Inequality Forum and approve the recommended future direction for the forum

4. Report Body
4.1 Background and purpose <p>The Creating a City without Inequality Forum is a subgroup of the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB), and its priorities are aligned with the priorities of the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Integrated Care System (ICS). The forum</p>

will focus on the five key areas of inequalities highlighted in the HWB's Creating a Bolder, Healthier City (2022-30) strategy and these include:

- Inequalities linked to deprivation
- Inequalities affecting disabled communities
- Inequalities affecting inclusion groups (e.g., people experiencing homelessness)
- Inequalities affecting different ethnic communities
- Inequalities of locality (i.e., variation/ inequalities between wards)

The forum discussions will be aligned to these key themes and a life course approach will be taken in identifying and recommending action for those five key areas.

4.2 Progress so far

The direction and focus of the CCWIF was reviewed at a workshop held in March 2022, to align with the new HWB strategy as well as reflecting the changing landscape and the development of the ICS. Outcomes from this workshop paved the way to a new direction which was outlined by the forum's Deputy Chair, at the Forum's meeting in May 2022.

The CCWIF sees its functions under three broad themes, to deliver and oversee inequalities projects for the HWB, to shine a light on inequalities in Birmingham to encourage action across the system and to deliver enabling functions for the HWB to underpin the system's work on health inequalities. Examples of existing and potential work areas under each theme are shown in the figure below.

The forum's Terms of Reference (ToR) are being reviewed in line with the governance plan to reflect this approach and the changing membership. The revised ToR will be agreed at the 15 September 2022 forum meeting and will be submitted to the HWB for ratification. The forward plan for the next 12 months is also in development for the September meeting.

Figure 1: CCWIF Programme Themes

Programme delivery

Health and Wellbeing Board Strategy projects we oversee for the HWB

- Health Inequalities framework
- BLACHIR implementation
- Birmingham Poverty Truth Commission
- Pump priming projects

Shining the light

Issues we collaborate on/investigate for HWB/raise to the HWB

- Issues arising from Community Health Profiles and health inequalities reviews
- Issues arising from rapid reviews of evidence and needs analyses
- ICS Health Inequalities work
- Health in All Policies , e.g. Inclusive Growth Strategy, Housing Strategy, Education and Skills...

Enabling

Enabling Functions we oversee for the HWB

- Engagement with less heard communities
- Building on existing, and developing new, community assets and capacity for tackling health inequalities: Anchor Institutions work, grassroots organisations work, Commonwealth Games legacy
- Manage any relevant grant funds that we secure
- Promotion of products that support action across the system on Health Inequalities:
 - Faith toolkits
 - Community Health Profiles
 - OHID (formerly PHE) tools e.g. HEAT, place based approaches toolkit
 - NHS frameworks
- Embed action and consideration of inequalities across work areas

Current programme delivery is focussed on the following projects: oversight of implementation of the opportunities for action identified in the BLACHIR report, the Birmingham Poverty Truth Commission #2 (BPTC#2) and the scoping of up to two pump-priming project proposals for tackling health inequalities relating to disability, to be commissioned before the end of this year.

The Public Health Inequalities Team are also working to develop a health inequalities framework for the public sector in Birmingham to enable organisations and teams think through and identify meaningful opportunities to reduce health inequalities. The framework will guide public sector partners in raising awareness, taking action and optimising existing assets in this work.

The report from the Birmingham and Lewisham African Caribbean Health Inequalities Review (BLACHIR) has been published, and it was successfully launched in June 2022. The project to coordinate and oversee the implementation

of the opportunities for action from the report is in development with delivery already in train from Public Health, ICS and NHS England partners. Recruitment of a senior officer to drive the implementation was initially unsuccessful and this delayed production of the implementation plan and establishment of the Project Board. The recruitment is now progressing well with one appointment made to a graduate support role and shortlisting for the senior officer role in progress.

Foundations for implementation have been laid, opportunities for NHS action through the ICS Inequalities Board and NHS England have been identified and included in formal plans. In addition, contracting arrangements are being finalised for three community engagement partners to link with local African and Caribbean communities. They will support implementation at a grass roots level and enable further co-production. It is envisaged that the senior officer will be recruited by the end of September and work can then be accelerated.

A parliamentary debate on taking forward actions for national bodies and government departments is planned for October.

The Birmingham Poverty Truth Commission (BPTC#2) was successfully launched on 19 May 2022. Ten community commissioners and eight civic commissioners have been recruited and have been meeting monthly. They have been exploring and sharing evidence predominantly around the housing theme, feeding into the development of the new housing strategy for the city. The topics of food poverty and poverty and health are also being examined. The community commissioners contributed to the food poverty workstream of the food system strategy work and the recruitment of an Assistant Director of Public Health. The first evaluation report from the BPTC activity since the inception of the project up until the commission's launch has been prepared by BVSC and will be published shortly.

4.3 Next steps

The key next steps include:

- Onboarding of the BLACHIR engagement partners – Aug 2022
- Development and ratification of an overarching BLACHIR implementation plan (in co-production with engagement partners) – Aug-Sep 2022
- Establishment of the BLACHIR implementation board – Sep 2022
- Approval of CCWIF forward plan and ToR – Sep 2022
- Finalising recruitment of BLACHIR lead officer.

5. Compliance Issues
5.1 HWBB Forum Responsibility and Board Update
There are no compliance issues to report.
5.2 Management Responsibility
Dr Justin Varney - Director of Public Health, Birmingham City Council Tessa Lindfield – Assistant Director of Public Health, Birmingham City Council

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6. Risk Analysis			
Potential failure to recruit a senior Officer for the BLACHIR project			
Identified Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Actions to Manage Risk
Difficulties recruiting to the BLACHIR senior officer post and possible delays in progressing implementation in through a coordinated structured approach	Medium	High	Recruitment to the post has been given top priority and the post has been vigorously advertised through a wide net of organisations and networks. Further applications have been received and are currently being reviewed. Required standard for the senior officer will not be compromised.

Appendices

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

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