

	<b><u>Agenda Item: 22</u></b>
<b>Report to:</b>	<b>Birmingham Health &amp; Wellbeing Board</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>17 January 2022</b>
<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>CREATING A CITY WITHOUT INEQUALITY FORUM UPDATE</b>
<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Birmingham City Council</b>
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<b>Report Type:</b>	<b>Update (information item)</b>
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<b>1. Purpose:</b>
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		

<b>3. Recommendation</b>
3.1 Acknowledge the progress made by the CCWI Forum

<b>4. Report Body</b>
<b>4.1 Background and purpose</b>  The Creating a City without Inequality Forum is a subgroup of the Health and Wellbeing Board and convenes members across systems to shape and influence work

across Birmingham to prevent the exacerbation of health inequalities. The Forum undertook a refresh incorporating the national Marmot review '*Fair Society, Healthy Lives*' policy areas:

1. Give every child the best start in life.
2. Enable all children, young people and adults to maximise their capabilities and have control over their lives.
3. Create fair employment and good work for all.
4. Ensure a healthy standard of living for all.
5. Create and develop healthy and sustainable places and communities.
6. Strengthen the role and impact of ill health prevention.

The forum reviews activity and outcomes in relation to the policy areas, identifying opportunities for action through a series of workshops and forums. However, the forums workplan is due to be reviewed in January 2022 and will be refined to ensure implementation of the new Health and Wellbeing Strategy, which is currently under consultation. This new strategy will ultimately drive the workplan of this forum.

#### 4.2 Progress so far

Introductory meeting post suspension due to emergency response to Covid-19 took place in June 2021. It was followed by the first thematic workshop *Creating fair employment and good work for all* on 2 September 2021 and a forum meeting on the same topic on 12 October 2021, providing an in-depth discussion on this important Marmot policy area. The opportunities for action that emerged from those discussions identified the need to:

- 1) Work collaboratively and share knowledge/ data across all sectors
- 2) Build on past successes and existing best practice
- 3) Raise awareness and promote the benefits of employing people with disabilities and complex needs
- 4) Embed co-production and lived experience into decision/ policy making.

The following Marmot policy area guided the presentations and discussions at the wider partnership workshop on 25 November 2021: *Strengthening the role and impact of ill health prevention*. The workshop was attended by 11 members and partners as well as the following guest speakers:

Andrew Dalton – Screening and Immunisations Team, NHS England  
 Salma Yaqoob – Programme Director, BSol ICS Inequalities Board  
 Baljit Marway – Programme lead, NDPP BSol CCG  
 Professor Wasim Hanif – Professor of Diabetes and Endocrinology.

The workshop explored:

- The clinical health inequalities that citizens face in Birmingham
- The inequalities in access to screening, immunisations, prevention and management programmes and what could potentially be done to address this
- The work of the ICS Core 20 Plus 5 approach and piloting co-production of diabetes service
- The upstream, prevention work needed to address the disproportionate impact of diabetes on more deprived communities.

The discussion brought out the following 5 themes:

- The need for Cultural Competency
- Improving access to services and a system approach to engagement
- Increasing health literacy of communities
- Consideration of the wider determinants of health and their role in ill health prevention
- A focus on prevention of diabetes.

The subsequent forum linked to this policy area was held on 16 December and attended by 15 members and 3 external speakers to further the discussion on reducing inequalities with a specific focus on diabetes prevention/management:

Tony Kelly – diabetes advocate and ambassador

Dr Manir Aslam - GP Director & Governing Body Member at Sandwell & West Birmingham Clinical Commissioning Group

Dr Nashat Qaram - Diabetes Strategic Clinical Lead for Bsol CCG

The discussion of the forum focussed on the following three strands of work:

1. Upstream solutions – stopping people developing diabetes in the first place
2. Early identification and intervention – finding people early in their disease to prevent
3. Living well with Diabetes – supporting people with diabetes to avoid complications and other diseases.

Specific actions will be drawn from all of the forum meetings held since August 2021 and incorporated into the new Forum's action plan.

The Service Lead for Inequalities has also started to work with the leads of the ICS Inequalities workstream to explore the priorities in the draft HWB strategy, Creating a Bolder, Healthier City, as well as the ICS Inequalities Board's priorities to ensure that both action plans, the CCWIF one and the ICS Inequalities one are aligned.

The Creating a City without Inequality Forum has also identified the need to hold joint forum meetings with the Creating a Mentally Healthy City Forum and the Creating a Healthy Food City Forum in the new year, which are to be arranged after the meetings resume and most likely after the elections.

Other actions that relate to access to food poverty, employment, physical activity and access to safe green spaces have also been identified during the Forum's discussions and will be fed to the relevant HWB sub-groups, as appropriate as well as the Birmingham Financial Inclusion Partnership.

#### **4.3 Next steps**

The forum has been once again suspended due to the Covid-19 response and is due to recommence in March 2022. In the meantime, the priorities of the forum are being reviewed to underpin the delivery of the new Health and Wellbeing Board's Strategy, also taking into consideration the work being undertaken by the ICS Inequalities Board.

<b>5. Compliance Issues</b>
<b>5.1 HWBB Forum Responsibility and Board Update</b>
There are no compliance issues to report.
<b>5.2 Management Responsibility</b>
Dr Justin Varney, Director of Public Health, Birmingham City Council Dr Modupe Omonijo – Assistant Director – Wider Determinants, Birmingham City Council Monika Rozanski – Service Lead - Inequalities

6. Risk Analysis			
Further delay in publication. Changes suggested at presentations.			
Identified Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Actions to Manage Risk
There is a risk that the activities of this Forum may lead to duplication which can impact on the clarity of its purpose and ownership due to the complex landscape and cut crossing priorities across a number of other existing partnerships in relation to health inequalities.	High	Medium	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The draft HWB strategy identifies some priority areas, but what the CCWIF is expected to lead on and deliver may need to be specified further.</li><li>2. The PH Service Lead is working with the ICS Inequalities workstream to ensure priorities and actions are clarified and aligned.</li><li>3. Some activity may need to re-focus from seeking a direct responsibility for delivery to exploring and recommending evidence-based approaches and interventions to be delivered by other partnerships.</li></ol>

## Appendices

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

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