

## Appendix 4 –Creating a City without Inequalities Forum Highlight Report

### 1.1 Context

The forum was initially paused in March 2020, due to the increased Covid-19 response as partners re-directed their efforts to support our citizens during the pandemic. The 14<sup>th</sup> September meeting of the Creating a City Without Inequality Forum however went ahead due to its role in understanding the impact and inequalities highlighted by Covid-19 and contribution to Birmingham recovery plans.

The Forum was conducted via Microsoft Teams and attended by 24 participants, including non-members. It was chaired by Cllr John Cotton, Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion, Community Safety and Equalities. The meeting focused on the impacts of Covid-19 on health inequalities. The agenda included:

- An overview of quantitative themes from the Public Health co-ordinated Covid-19 Health and Wellbeing Impact Survey
- An overview of Sustainability and Transformation Partnership inequalities and overview of the intention to submit a document to NHS England
- An overview of Covid-19 Economic shock and its impact on health and wellbeing
- An overview of the voluntary sector Community Led Recovery Programme
- A presentation of Everyone's Battle, Everyone's Business – BCC Statement of Intent on Equality Covid-19 Action on Health Inequalities
- A presentation of the CCWIF summary to date on the effects of the pandemic on health inequalities across the life course

The following partner updates were provided:

- Smoking in Pregnancy
- Birmingham and Lewisham African and Caribbean Health Inequalities Review
- West Midlands State of the Group report August 2020

### 1.2 Current Circumstance

The Public Health Division are refocusing capacity to focus on the health protection response to Covid-19. As such, on the 21<sup>st</sup> September the decision was taken to postpone future meetings of the forum until the new year. Communication with the forum will continue in the interim via the LinkedIn group, with several projects continuing virtually.

### 1.3 Next Steps and Delivery

- The complete Health and Wellbeing Impact analysis including the pending qualitative data analysis will be shared with CCWIF members. This will bring context to the quantitative data and further inform wider work
- The Locality Director (West Birmingham) & Head of Partnership for BSol CCG will share the STPs response to implementing phase 3 of the NHS response to the COVID-19 pandemic with Forum
- Production of a public version of the health and wellbeing issues caused by economic downturn and Covid-19
- Progress actions resulting from sharing of the life course document and continuation of mapping the challenges, gaps, best practice, assets and opportunities for more effective action.

