

	<u>Agenda Item: 12</u>
Report to:	Birmingham Health & Wellbeing Board
Date:	22nd March 2022
TITLE:	BIRMINGHAM AND LEWISHAM AFRICAN CARIBBEAN HEALTH INEQUALITIES REVIEW (BLACHIR)
Organisation	Birmingham City Council
Presenting Officer	Dr Justin Varney

Report Type:	Information
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1. Purpose:	
1.1	The report consolidates findings and opportunities for action identified during the Birmingham and Lewisham Black African and Caribbean Health Inequalities Review, the purpose of which has been to explore what underpins health inequalities being experienced by the Black African and Black Caribbean populations in Birmingham and Lewisham, and what interventions or actions could be developed to address those issues.
1.2	We are currently developing an accessible designed version of the report which is scheduled to be completed by 22 nd March 2022. The attached is a final word version as submitted for design.

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

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to approve the content of the report from the Birmingham and Lewisham Black African and Caribbean Health Inequalities Review (BLACHIR).

We are submitting these opportunities for action for the Health & Wellbeing Board's consideration and for the partners to take forward this work to build a better future and to break these cycles of inequality and disadvantage for African and Caribbean communities.

The Board is requested to consider nominating a champion who will be responsible to ensure the Board partners respond to the review.

It is suggested that regular 6 monthly progress updates will be provided to the Board, whilst the overall progress on the implementation of the relevant opportunities for action will be monitored by the Creating a City Without Inequality Forum.

4. Report Body

- 4.1. For too long our Black African and Black Caribbean populations have experienced health inequalities. These have often been ignored and their voices unheard, with these inequalities often accepted as fact rather than an unacceptable wrong to be addressed.
- 4.2. The review sets out clear opportunities for action driven by evidence from both published data and research and insight from lived experience. We have used a unique compilation of methodologies to collect, analyse and validate data, intelligence and insight, including rapid reviews of published research, input and validation from academic experts (Academic Board), input and testimonies from experts by experience (Advisory Board) and a number of public engagement activities such as online surveys, online events, focus groups and interviews.
- 4.3. The expectation is that the final 39 opportunities for action set out in this report will be considered for implementation locally by the Health and Wellbeing Board partners, new Integrated Care System partners, local service providers and communities who will work with some of the national agencies as required.

5. Compliance Issues

5.1 HWBB Forum Responsibility and Board Update

- 5.1.1 None

5.2 Management Responsibility

This project has been led by the Service Lead in Inequalities with oversight from Director of Public Health.

6. Risk Analysis

Identified Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Actions to Manage Risk

Appendices

Appendix 1. BLACHIR Report

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

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