

WSC Health and Wellbeing Action Plan 2013 - 2018

Ref	Action	Target Date	Owner	Measure of success	Outcome
Continued Support					
1	Continue to support delivery of the Somerset Health and Wellbeing Strategy (SHWS) through <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Focus • Bid funding support 	Ongoing	Simon Lewis – Assistant Director Housing and Communities	Number of families worked with and who we have claimed as a 'success'. Projects delivered in deprived areas.	Projects, activities and services are improving the lives Health and wellbeing of people living in deprived areas.
2	Continue to target financial support to enable the Voluntary and Community Sector to deliver the priorities and actions of the SHWS.	Annual	Lead Member for Communities	Grants are awarded with priority given to VCS organisations that improve Health and Wellbeing in West Somerset	VCS organisations are delivering services that meet local need.
Strategic Action					
4	Ensure that all future strategies, policies and service developments consider how can align with and further support the priorities of the SHWS	April 2015	Simon Lewis – Assistant Director Housing and Communities	All WSC strategy documents are aligned to the delivery of the SHWS	All WSC services and activities make a positive contribution to the Health and Wellbeing of communities in West Somerset
5	Carry out an annual review of statistical information relating to health available from Somerset Intelligence, including the profile from the West Somerset GP Federation.	May 2014	Simon Lewis – Assistant Director Housing and Communities	Strategies, plans, services and activities are developed in relation to statistical need, and successful delivery is monitored using annual health statistics.	Communities benefit from targeted services and are able to hold WSC to account in delivering change.
6	Establish WSC as a Dementia Friendly organisation and work with external partners to increase Dementia awareness in the Community	April 2015	Simon Lewis – Assistant Director Housing and Communities	WSC meets the requirements of a Dementia Friendly organisation as set by the Alzheimer's Society.	People suffering from Dementia are able to live independently for longer and feel supported in the community.

7	Embed principles and recommendations from the 'WSC response to the SHWS' in Local Planning Policy: e.g. provision of allotments in phased building developments, encouraging lifetime homes standard, provision of housing solutions for elderly people, increased number of cycle ways, open spaces and play areas, improved access to health services.	April 2015	Community Planning Working Group/Tim Burton – Assistant Director	Local Planning Policy specifically mentions and reflects principles of Somerset Health and Wellbeing Strategy	Established and new communities are able to improve their Health and Wellbeing through the provision of infrastructure and facilities that promote healthy outcomes.
8	Increase suitable housing provision by reducing the number of empty homes across West Somerset	April 2015	Somerset West Private Housing Partnership	The number of empty homes in WS is reduced	People are able to access a wider variety of accommodation to meet their needs.
Working in partnership					
9	Identify/put in place appropriate forums and networks to add value to and influence health and wellbeing improvements for local residents	Dec 2014	Simon Lewis – Assistant Director Housing and Communities	Strong partnership working in place, clear action plan for focus and health and wellbeing improvements	Tangible and measurable health and wellbeing, improved outcomes for residents.
10	Following the achievements of Action 9, develop a specific action plan for reducing the prevalence and impact of smoking, plus get Council approval of the Local Government Declaration on Tobacco	Feb 2015	Simon Lewis – Assistant Director Housing and Communities	Clear sector plan to influence and reduce smoking in West Somerset	Reduced prevalence of smoking, particularly uptake in young people. Reduced mortality and health issues for residents.
11	Work with partners, especially those in the Voluntary Sector to design, support and, where appropriate, deliver projects	April 2015	Corinne Matthews, Economic Regeneration	Educational attainment is improved.	Children and young people have improved life chances.

	that increase educational attainment in our most deprived areas through access to resources, volunteering schemes, apprenticeships and mentoring		Manager Simon Lewis – Assistant Director Housing and Communities		
12	Support communities through the challenges of Welfare Reform which may impact on Health and Wellbeing e.g. providing advice and support on money management, support the food bank.	Ongoing	Simon Lewis – Assistant Director Housing and Communities Paul Fitzgerald	Advice and support on maximising household income is available to the most vulnerable households	The most vulnerable households are able to successfully manage household budgets.
13	Work with partners in the public and voluntary sectors to improve provisions of mental health and drug and alcohol services in deprived communities.	April 2015	Voluntary Organisations Simon Lewis – Assistant Director Housing and Communities	Mental health, drug and alcohol services are working with local partnerships to deliver services in the most deprived areas of West Somerset	People can easily access advice and support in relation to mental health, drug and alcohol problems.
14	Work with partners to reduce the number of households suffering from fuel poverty across West Somerset, with a focus on rural communities.	April 2015	Somerset West Private Housing Partnership	The number of households reported to be in fuel poverty is reduced	People's health and wellbeing is improved.