

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD
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Closing the Gap – update and next steps

Purpose

- 1.1 The 2017 LGA Corporate Peer Challenge recommended that Derby should engage consistently with key partnerships and focus on a small number of priorities.
- 1.2 Closing the Gap has been agreed by City Leaders as a priority to be progressed through the Derby Partnership structure.
- 1.3 Consultation with Thematic Boards and the Closing the Gap Symposium in June 2018 has suggested an initial set of themes that could help to tackle inequality in the city.
- 1.4 This paper provides an update and proposed next steps in relation to Closing the Gap.

Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) to support the development of Closing the Gap priorities. This to include ensuring appropriate HWB representation at the January 2019 Closing the Gap workshop.
- 2.2 To provide commitment from Board to future cross-partnership working on Closing the Gap priorities. This to include Board representation on strategy and working groups that may be developed.

Reasons

- 3.1 Closing the Gap is not the responsibility of one single agency. It requires collective working and shared ambition to bring about positive change.
- 3.2 To satisfy the recommendations of the LGA Corporate Peer Challenge.

Supporting information

- 4.1 In June 2017 the LGA Corporate Peer Challenge made the following recommendations:

- a) Re-establish the Derby Plan incorporating a single city vision;
- b) Focus on a small number of well communicated priorities;
- c) Engage consistently with key partnerships.

Consultation with Thematic Boards and a meeting of City Leaders considered the key challenges facing the city. It was acknowledged that Derby has areas where there is poor health, unemployment, poor housing and poverty alongside those areas where people live more comfortably. It was agreed that closing this gap would reduce the breadth of quality of life found in Derby and have a significant impact on outcomes across health, economy, crime and safety, culture, leisure and education.

In June 2018 a Closing the Gap Symposium took place, this provided opportunity to hear from other leaders and experts, and consider their perspectives in the context of Derby and the City Partnership.

- 4.2 Information gathered through consultation and from discussion at the Closing the Gap Symposium has been considered. This has highlighted an initial set of themes that could help to tackle inequality in the city. These include;

- Ensure people and communities have a voice in decision making.
- Give all young people a good start in life.
- Encourage aspiration and ambition.
- Increase educational attainment and support skills development.
- Tackle inequality and promote social mobility, cohesion and integration.

A mapping of priorities from key strategy documents is currently taking place. This aims to highlight cross sectoral intersections and interdependencies.

- 4.3 A workshop is being organised for 28th January 2019 with representation from across the partnership structure. This will reflect on information gathered to date and consider Closing the Gap within the context of the Derby Partnership structure. It will propose areas of focus for cross sectoral working where a combined approach will have greatest impact.

Members of Outcome Boards with an interest in contributing to this agenda are encouraged to attend the workshop.

- 4.4 Findings of the January workshop will inform the development of a discussion paper on Closing the Gap. This will be considered within the context of the emerging leadership and partnership structures for the city.

Public/stakeholder engagement

- 5.1 Consultation with Thematic Boards and a meeting of City Leaders considered the key challenges facing the city.
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Other options

- 6.1 None considered.

Financial and value for money issues

- 7.1 None.

Legal implications

- 8.1 None.

Other significant implications

- 9.1 None

This report has been approved by the following people:

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