

CABINET

Agenda Item: 10

Ward: All

Portfolio: Community Health

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SUBJECT: Somerset Prevention Charter

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Summary:	<p>As part of the work that the district council has been carrying out, as a member of the Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board, it has been reviewing how the services that the district provide can contribute to improved health and wellbeing.</p> <p>This work has sat alongside the development of the Somerset Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) whose focus is to achieve a more effective health and care system in Somerset over the next five years.</p> <p>One of five priorities coming from the STP is a focus on prevention to develop a sustainable system and as part of this, all of the partners of the Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board have been asked to endorse the Somerset Prevention Charter to emphasise their commitment to this priority.</p>		
Recommendation:	Cabinet is asked to endorse the charter.		
Direct and/or indirect impact on service delivery to	The principles of the charter fit with the priorities and aspirations of Mendip District Council and, as such, the charter will have no additional impact.		

our customers and communities:	
Contribution to Corporate Priorities:	The charter supports the aspirations of our corporate priorities.
Legal Implications:	N/A
Financial Implications:	There is no direct financial impact.
Impact on Service Plans:	The charter aspirations will be integrated into service planning.
Crime and Disorder Implications:	There are no community safety implications as a direct result of this report.
Equalities Implications:	This charter has been assessed and is not considered to negatively impact on any of the protected characteristics under the Equalities Act.
Risk Assessment and Adverse Impact on Corporate Actions:	There are no risk management implications as a direct result of the charter being endorsed.

INTRODUCTION

The demands on the NHS and social care are increasing, partly because there are more people who are living longer with more complex health problems such as dementia, diabetes and high blood pressures, but also because of the increasing cost of new medicines and treatments. Public demand for health and social care services is constantly growing and the only way to manage this is by thinking as a single system - rather than as individual organisations – working with people and communities.

A key area of focus is to find ways of reducing the demand in the existing system and it is recognised that for this to be successful there is a need to look at how people and communities can be supported to lead healthier lives and avoid getting preventable illnesses.

District Councils have a key role to play in this ‘prevention’ approach as much of our service delivery helps to prevent ill health and promote positive and healthy environments.

THE PREVENTION CHARTER

As part of the Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board the district council has been discussing how all of the partners can work to help communities to thrive. Prevention of ill health and the promotion of community resilience is seen as key but there has been a recognition that ‘prevention’ can mean different things to different partners.

As a consequence of this there has been collective work to define what prevention means to us all and what our vision for the future might be. This has led to the creation of a Somerset Prevention Charter which all partners of the Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board are being asked to endorse. (see Appendix A)

The charter lays out a collective explanation of prevention and a joint vision for Somerset. It also defines the general principles that all of the partners believe sit under the vision and then identifies the actions that the members of the Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board agree need to be carried out.

It is important to note that while there is an expectation that all partners will commit to the vision and principles there is a recognition that the actions are a collective responsibility rather than each bullet point applying to each partner.

RECOMMENDATION

Cabinet is asked to endorse the charter.

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