

Appendix 2

Responses to recommendations of the 2021 Scrutiny Review Task Group into Health Inequalities

Number	Recommendation	Lead Member	Lead Officer	Accepted?	Response	If accepted, what are the timescales for implementation?
1	The Council uses its influence with the Local Government Association and other bodies to encourage the Government to change the approach taken to Universal Credit to help residents and to reduce the need to access food banks.	Communities, Social Justice and Wealth Building	Asim Khan	Yes	We will formally write to the Local Government Association and ask them to lobby the Government to change its approach and also raise it with our colleagues in the Co-operative Councils Innovation Network.	30 April 2022
2	Health Impact Assessments be required as part of all decision-making processes, policy development and project management frameworks.	Leader of the Council	Chris Moister	Yes	Health Impacts are being incorporated into the Integrated Impact Assessment which forms part of the new Equality Framework. This will be presented to Council for adoption. This will ensure that Health Equality will form part of the decision-making process, being embedded in the	Expected quarter 2 of 2022/23

					development of recommendations for decisions.	
3	My Neighbourhood Community Hubs be provided with health and wellbeing data, including areas of deprivation, and be encouraged to consider projects focusing on improving health and wellbeing.	Communities, Social Justice and Wealth Building	Jennifer Mullin	Yes	These documents are being prepared in an easy to read format which will help the Hubs to understand the health and wellbeing issues in their areas.	Reports presented to Hubs in March 2022
4	A Scrutiny Review of Road Safety is established to work with partners.	Chair of Scrutiny Committee	Darren Cranshaw	Yes	The Chair of the Lancashire Road Safety Partnership and Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner is supportive of the review which will be prioritised as part of the next Scrutiny Work programme and commence in June 2022.	To be completed by 31 December 2022.
5	A social prescribing model, similar to that in operation in Chorley, is implemented.	Health and Wellbeing	Jennifer Mullin	Yes	Discussions are ongoing with the Primary Care Networks to promote this model and secure funding.	Ongoing
6	A review of pricing policies for leisure facilities is undertaken and schemes to provide access to and affordability of leisure centres be created in a similar	Health and Wellbeing	Mark Lester	Yes	The Leisure Company has introduced new categories for the Leisure Card which is	April 2022

	model to the Holiday Hunger and HAF Programmes.				a 50% reduction to all core prices. The HAF programme will now take place for 3 years	
7	A relaunch of the Council's Apprentice Factory takes place to focus on the development of apprenticeships amongst partners and other major employers within the borough.	Planning, Business Support and Regeneration	Jonathan Noad	Yes	Officers are currently reviewing the Apprentice Factory and how it might adapt to deal with post COVID matters	By end of 2022
8	As part of the review of the Local Plan, consideration be given to designing planning policies that require developers to provide more support to apprenticeships and providing more local, skilled job opportunities.	Planning, Business Support and Regeneration	Jonathan Noad	Yes	There is already a Central Lancashire SPD on Employment and Skills and the aim is to expand this into Local Plan policy and be more wide reaching	Preferred Options Local Plan by end of 2022
9	Citizens Advice be asked to undertake outreach programmes and satellite sites across the borough as part of their performance monitoring to receive council funding.	Communities, Social Justice and Wealth Building	Vicky Willett	Yes	The proposal will be discussed with CAB as part of grant monitoring ahead of the annual review.	May 2022
10	The Council mounts a publicity campaign to encourage the take-up of benefits to those eligible.	Communities, Social Justice and Wealth Building	Andrew Daniels	Yes	The following is proposed: 1. Create a web page highlighting support available 2. Working with council teams to identify pockets of people we know will be eligible for	End of March 2022

				<p>benefits i.e. those in receipt of assisted bin collections, council tax support and those we identified through South Ribble Together.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. We'll send those people a letter outlining what support is available and how to access said support 4. Develop a short press release to send to local publications to capture other pockets of people (generally older) who may be eligible for support <p>Note: Targeted communications to key audiences is proposed as opposed to wider publication. Wider publication could open us up for criticisms from those not eligible for relevant support and</p>	
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					could set some people up for disappointment who may think they could be eligible then are not.	
11	A small discretionary Hardship Fund be created to be administered by local agencies, possibly Citizens Advice, to help with incidental and emergency funds that might help those in need of support.	Finance, Property and Assets	Jennifer Mullin	Yes	CAB has been funded by the Hardship fund to provide incidental and emergency funds that will help those in need of support.	Completed
12	The Council supports the establishment of Food Clubs, Co-ops and Community Shops across the borough to reduce food poverty.	Health and Wellbeing	Jennifer Mullin	Yes	The Communities team have developed a network of foodbanks and are promoting the use of Food Clubs, Co-ops and Community Shops and funding has been made available to support this.	Ongoing
13	A Member Briefing be held on Mental Health First Aid and an introductory session provided to communicate an overview of the training.	Health and Wellbeing	Jennifer Mullin	Yes	Lancashire Mind has been approached to deliver this session. This will be an introductory session to provide an overview of the training.	7 March 2022, 6-7pm