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	<p align="center">Report from the Director of Performance Policy and Partnerships</p>
<p>Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee Chair's Update Report</p>	

Wards Affected:	All
Key or Non-Key Decision:	N/A
Open or Part/Fully Exempt: <small>(If exempt, please highlight relevant paragraph of Part 1, Schedule 12A of 1972 Local Government Act)</small>	Open
No. of Appendices:	0
Background Papers:	None
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1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 This report provides a summary of the activities carried out by the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee and covers the period from 9 July 2018. It details the results of the committee's meetings, work programme and engagement.

2.0 Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 Members are asked to note the content of this report.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 The remit of the committee as set out in the constitution is the overview and scrutiny of children's services, adult social care, public health, health services and the NHS, and cultural services. There are eight elected members on the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee. All committee members are part of the Labour group apart from the vice-chair who is from the Conservative group. The membership of the committee for 2018/19 is:

Cllr Ketan Sheth, Chair
Cllr Reg Colwill, Vice-Chair
Cllr Ihtesham Afzal
Cllr Rita Conneely

Cllr Claudia Hector
Cllr Promise Knight
Cllr Ahmad Shahzad OBE
Cllr Anita Thakkar.

- 3.2 In addition, the committee has six co-opted members, representing the Anglican diocese, Roman Catholic diocese, governors of primary schools, governors of secondary schools, Muslim faith schools and Jewish faith schools. They have been co-opted for the purposes of school education.
- 3.3 In July the scrutiny committee discussed a report by Public Health England about **childhood and school age immunisation programmes in Brent** in 2017/18. The scope of the report was the immunisation of children aged 0-5 under the national Routine Childhood Immunisation programme and additional programmes provided for children aged 4-18. The committee heard that like other London boroughs, Brent's uptake rates are below the 95% coverage for Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) recommended by the World Health Organisation. However, Brent's uptake is still one of the highest in north-west London. Brent like many London boroughs faces challenges in improving uptake resulting from a mobile population and other factors.
- 3.4 Public Health England said they were committed to increasing public engagement in Brent and particularly with schools and are working with their provider, Central and North West London NHS Trust, to improve engagement with Brent's schools. At the end of the discussion, members of the scrutiny committee recommended that Public Health England works with the British Society for Immunology to promote understanding of vaccination and help improve community engagement in Brent. This engagement work would include recruiting lay champions and outreach to community and religious groups.
- 3.5 The committee also discussed the **prevention and treatment of diabetes**. The discussion involved officers and clinicians from Brent Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), two of the borough's Diabetes Community Champions, the chief operating officer of diabetes.co.uk (a community website which provides advice and information about diabetes), the Director of Public Health, and the Cabinet Member for Public Health, Culture and Leisure. The scale of the challenge was made clear: cases of type 2 diabetes are rising in Brent, and are higher than the national average. In addition, Public Health England has estimated that Brent has around 7,500 undiagnosed people with the condition. Also, Brent has more residents who are in high-risk groups than many other boroughs.
- 3.6 The council and CCG has emphasised the importance of prevention through physical activity, reducing weight and eating a healthy diet. Engagement by Public Health has focused on older age groups but there has also been work done with primary schools through the Slash Sugar Campaign. However, there are challenges around prevention. One of the community champions said that in her experience, some young people thought that diabetes was a condition which would not affect them. After the discussion, committee members recommended that the council should consider increasing the number of Brent's Diabetes Community Champions.

- 3.7 In 2017 members of the committee gave their response to a consultation about the Air Quality Action Plan 2017-2022 with particular reference to public health. The chair of the committee has now asked for an update to be published in the update report for the committee which will take place on 28 November. Cabinet agreed the action plan in November last year and the update will state what progress has been made with the actions around public health and engagement which the Cabinet committed to in the action plan.
- 3.8 The 2018/19 work programme will be discussed and agreed at the next committee meeting on 8 October 2018. This follows on from a work-programme meeting at which members of the committee discussed agenda items. The work programme will have a built-in capacity to ensure there is the flexibility to respond to issues as they arise and which residents may suggest. The work programme will be published with the next report to Full Council by the chair of the committee.
- 3.9 In 2017, the committee published a task group report looking at child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS) in Brent. The task group made a number of recommendations in its report. One of the recommendations was that the local authority and Brent Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) would organise an event for parents around the issue of young people's mental health and emotional wellbeing. The planning for an event is now being taken forward.
- 3.10 For 2018/19 the committee is considering setting up two task groups, which will involve non-executive members. The first will be on contextual safeguarding, and is expected to be agreed by committee on 8 October. The second task group, which will report later in 2019, will be looking at the issue of childhood obesity in Brent.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

5.0 Legal Implications

- 5.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

6.0 Equality Implications

- 6.1 There are no equality implications.

Report sign off:

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