

Agenda item 6(f)

## **HEALTH & WELLBEING STRATEGY AND DELIVERY PLAN FOR WEST LANCASHIRE**

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & REVISED RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DIRECTOR OF LEISURE AND WELLBEING**

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

##### Health & Wellbeing Strategy – More Positive Together initiative

I am pleased to formally advise Cabinet that the Council has been successful in its bid for European funding, via the Lancashire Sport Partnership. The sum allocated to West Lancashire is £196,000, which will be used to create 3 new posts (as well as fund support costs for facility and equipment hire, transport, recruitment, training, marketing, promotional materials, etc.).

These new posts will work alongside 2 of our existing staff from Leisure and Housing Services (provided as "match-funding"), and will help develop support packages for tenants living in the most deprived areas, to improve their health & activity levels, their skills and their employability. The initiative will also support those most affected by multiple and complex barriers to their progression, such as substance misuse, mental and physical health problems, caring responsibilities, poverty and debt.

The opportunity to bid for this external grant funding arose before the Health & Wellbeing Strategy has been formally adopted – however, it clearly falls directly within the Council's Corporate Priorities and Vision for Health & Wellbeing – as well as being one of the Strategy's primary objectives, namely to seek external funding to develop and deliver Health & Wellbeing initiatives. I've therefore proceeded using the relevant general delegations, but it will be helpful if Cabinet could specifically note and endorse the actions taken and being done to deliver this particular initiative, by way of two further Recommendations to be added to the Report:

#### **REVISED RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and Delivery Plan be approved, subject to any agreed amendments from the Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 2.2 That the Director of Leisure & Wellbeing in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Health & Community Safety be authorised to finalise the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and Delivery Plan having considered agreed comments of the Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

- 2.3 That the call-in procedure is not appropriate for this item as the report will be submitted to the meeting of the Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 23 November 2017.
- 2.4 That the Director of Leisure & Wellbeing's actions in seeking and obtaining funding from the More Positive Together initiative in West Lancashire be endorsed.
- 2.5 That the Director of Leisure & Wellbeing take all necessary steps to deliver the More Positive Together initiative in West Lancashire, utilising the externally provided grant of up to £196,000, together with existing resources, as necessary.