

Extract from the Draft Corporate Peer Challenge Feedback Report 20-22 July 2016

Health and Well-Being:

The Council is seen by partners as committed to making a contribution to improved health and well-being in the District. There is recognition that the Council has a key role of 'making every contact count' (MECC) and has opportunities to impact on people's mental and physical health. Partners described the Council as 'proactive' and having a 'culture of helping and supporting', and there are good examples of how the Council works with others on tackling wider health and well-being issues (e.g. GP referral scheme), and also work which focusses on the wider determinants of health such as social exclusion and debt management (e.g. Lillington). It is notable that WDC was the first district council in Warwickshire to take up the offer of public health (and more recently CCG) monies to match fund activities that contribute to improved health and well-being.

There are instances where the Council could be more proactive at seeking an earlier input and perspective from health partners (e.g. health impact assessment during Local Plan development, collaborative commissioning of the voluntary and community sector), and a need to articulate how key decisions (e.g. leisure development programme) contribute to the delivery of health and well-being outcomes. There is a need for a clearer local strategy – linked to the countywide Health & Well Being Strategy – that provides a better foundation on which the Council can base its contributions, determine how best it can work with partners, and measure its impact. If health and wellbeing is a political priority for the Administration, which it appears to be, it is important that there is a clear articulation about what the Administration wishes to achieve. It is also important to ensure that officers support the Cabinet Member to make the district's case in relevant forums such as the Health and Wellbeing Board.