

Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee



Report subject	Draft Health & Wellbeing Strategy
Meeting date	19 th May 2026
Status	Public Report
Executive summary	<p>This report and associated documents provides;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An update on the development of a new Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy for the Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole • An updated draft of the BCP Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (version 2) for scrutiny and feedback from the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee to inform policy and strategy development
Recommendations	<p>It is RECOMMENDED that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Committee note the progress made to date with the development of a new Health & Wellbeing Strategy 2. The Committee note that a public consultation has been completed on the draft strategy and that feedback from both the committee and the public consultation will be used to inform the final draft strategy 3. The Committee is asked to provide scrutiny and feedback on the draft strategy to inform policy and strategy development before a final draft strategy is presented for approval to the Health & Wellbeing Board on the 29th June 2026
Reason for recommendations	To ensure that sufficient scrutiny and review of the draft strategy has been provided before the draft strategy is finalised for approval by the Health & Wellbeing Board on the 29 th June 2026.

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Wards	All Wards
Classification	For Consultation

Background

1. It is a statutory requirement in England under the Health and Social Care Act 2022 for Health and Wellbeing Boards to produce a Local Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
2. The previous Health & Wellbeing Strategy for Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole was published in September 2020 and covered the period from 2020 to 2023.
3. A new Health & Wellbeing strategy has been in development since December 2024 and public consultation on the draft strategy was completed at the end of March 2026. The feedback from the public consultation is currently being analysed and an analysis report is expected in May 2026.
4. The Committee is asked to provide scrutiny and feedback on the draft strategy to inform policy and strategy development.
5. This feedback will be used with the analysis of the public consultation to inform a final draft strategy which is expected to be presented for approval to the Health & Wellbeing Board on the 29th June 2026.

Progress to Date

6. During December 2024, Health & Wellbeing Board Members were asked to give their views of the priorities for a new BCP Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy following a review of the latest data contained within the 2024 Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA). This was then presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board in January 2025, where the following priorities themes were agreed:
 - Children and Young People
 - Community Mental Health Transformation
 - Supporting Adults to Live Well and Independently
 - Housing
 - Cost of Living and Poverty
7. These were subsequently refined to the following health & wellbeing priorities:
 - Starting Well
 - Mental Wellbeing

- Living & Ageing Well
 - Healthy Places & Communities
8. In addition, the Health & Wellbeing Board wanted to have a better understanding of the work that was currently taking place around these priorities across the system, with a view to ensuring that the function of the Board brings additional benefits, rather than increasing reporting or duplicating effort where it is not needed. To facilitate this, Health & Wellbeing Board members were asked to complete a mapping exercise over the summer of 2025 to capture the current or emerging activity, and a good response was received.
 9. A draft BCP Health & Wellbeing Strategy was then presented to the Health & Wellbeing Board on the 6th of October 2025. The report and associated documents provided an update on the progress towards the development of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy for the Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole area, a draft strategy for comments and considerations from the Board and proposals for further stakeholder engagement on the strategy prior to finalisation.
 10. A BCP Health & Wellbeing Board Workshop took place on the 24th of November 2025. The workshop included a presentation of the latest 2025 Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and the development of priority topics for a BCP JSNA Forward Plan. Board members were then asked to review and agree the draft BCP Health & Wellbeing Strategy strategic priorities and proposed actions, prior to public consultation.
 11. The feedback and outputs and from the BCP Health & Wellbeing Board workshop in November 2025 were reviewed and a second version of draft BCP Health & Wellbeing Strategy was produced. This second draft was presented along with a summary of key changes to the Health & Wellbeing Board on the 12th January 2026 for approval before public consultation.
 12. A final draft for public consultation was then produced and a public consultation on the draft strategy took place between the 17th February to the 29th March 2026, generating approximately 120 local responses. These responses are currently being analysed and will be used to inform a final draft of the strategy which will be presented to the Health & Wellbeing Board meeting on the 29th June 2026.

Next Steps

13. The Health & Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to review and provide feedback on the draft strategy to inform policy and strategy development.
14. This feedback will be used along with the analysis of the public consultation on the draft strategy to inform a final draft of the strategy which will be presented to the Health & Wellbeing Board meeting on the 29th June 2026 for approval.
15. Once approved, the strategy will be published on the council's website and will be used to inform the development of a BCP Neighbourhood Health Plan for implementation from 2027/28.
16. The strategy will be reviewed by the Health & Wellbeing Board on a regular basis to take account of any significant changes in national health policy and in

response to any significant changes in needs arising from the annual Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

17. Progress against the agreed strategic priorities, actions and measures in the strategy will also be monitored and reported to the Health & Wellbeing Board on a regular basis.

Options Appraisal

18. Option 1- proceed with the next steps detailed above to ensure we meet our statutory requirements.
19. Option 2- do nothing- this is not an option as it is a statutory requirement to produce a Health & Wellbeing strategy.

Summary of financial implications

20. None. There are no direct financial implications arising from the draft strategy.

Summary of legal implications

21. It is a statutory requirement for the Health & Wellbeing Board to produce a Joint Local Health & Wellbeing Strategy.

Summary of human resources implications

22. None. There are no direct human resources implications arising from the draft strategy.

Summary of sustainability impact

23. A sustainability impact assessment will be undertaken once the draft strategy has been finalised for approval by the Health & Wellbeing Board.

Summary of public health implications

24. The purpose of the strategy is to identify and address local health and wellbeing priorities, improve health outcomes, and reduce local health inequalities.

Summary of equality implications

25. An Equality Impact Assessment will be undertaken once the draft strategy has been finalised for approval by the Health & Wellbeing Board.

Summary of risk assessment

26. The current strategic priorities and proposed actions within the draft strategy are considered to be low risk. Risks to the successful delivery of the strategy will be monitored and mitigated by the Health & Wellbeing Board and the BCP Placed-Based Partnership.

Background papers

The previous Health & Wellbeing Strategy published in September 2020 is available on the BCP Council website on the following link [Health and wellbeing strategy | BCP](#)

Previous papers on the development of the current draft Health & Wellbeing Strategy are available as part of the papers for the following Health & Wellbeing Board meetings on the BCP Council website:

21/10/2024 Health and Wellbeing Board [24 10 21 BCP Council HWB Refreshing the strategy.pdf](#)

13/01/2025 Health and Wellbeing Board [Health and Well Being Strategy Update !\[\]\(2e897e890e69d81eae4503a8342c36b0_img.jpg\) PDF 384 KB](#)

24/03/2025 - Health and Wellbeing Board [Health and Wellbeing Strategy to Action through the Place Based Partnership](#)

06/10/2025 - Health and Wellbeing Board [BCP Health and Wellbeing Board Strategy \(Draft\)](#)

12/01/2026 - Health and Wellbeing Board [BCP Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy Draft for Consultation](#)

Appendices

Appendix 1 Draft BCP Health and Wellbeing Strategy December 2026 (Draft Version 2)

Appendix 2