

REPORT TO: Health and Wellbeing Board
DATE: 12th March 2014
REPORTING OFFICER: Director of Public Health
PORTFOLIO: Health and Wellbeing
SUBJECT: Wellbeing Area Awards and Grants.
WARD(S) Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To provide information to the Health and Wellbeing Board on the development of Health and Wellbeing awards and grants for the local community.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the Board

1. **note the contents of the report;**
2. **endorse the proposal of Wellbeing Awards and grants; and**
3. **if in agreement, nominate three members of the Board to become members of the judging panel**

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 In line with the Health and Wellbeing Strategy, and the drive to engage local people in improving health, Wellbeing Areas have been established in Halton. Several health events have now been held in each area and attendance has been good. As part of our on-going commitment to working with local communities it is proposed that the Board endorse the development of a two pronged approach:

- A range of Wellbeing Awards in recognition of outstanding work to improve health.
- A small grant of up to £500 for up to 10 local community projects that support the Health and Wellbeing Boards priorities of improving mental health, reducing falls in older people, reducing harmful drinking, improving child development, preventing cancer and early detection of the signs and symptoms .

3.2 A steering group, terms of reference and a judging panel would be drawn from members of the Health and Wellbeing Board and Wellbeing Areas to take this initiative forward. If in agreement with this proposal it is suggested that three nominations be agreed at this meeting so that the mechanism for judging the applications can be put in place as soon as possible.

3.3 Suggested categories for nominations are invited from Wellbeing Areas and the Health and Wellbeing Board are outlined below:

- **Individual Recognition Award:** Nominations for this category would be drawn from individuals who have made a special contribution to improving health and wellbeing either individually or as part of a particular team or group. This could also include individuals who have significantly improved their own health and wellbeing and have acted as a positive role model to others.
- **Community Group Award:** This award would be aimed at community groups who, through the services or activities they deliver, have improved the health and wellbeing of local people.
- **Healthy Workplace Award:** This award would be aimed at local organisations and businesses who have developed and are actively implementing health and wellbeing initiatives within the workplace.
- **Healthy School Award:** The Healthy Schools initiative already works in Halton to improve the health and wellbeing of local children. The community awards initiative, working alongside Healthy Schools, will request nominations from local schools who feel they have made an outstanding contribution to health and wellbeing.

3.4 A budget of £7000 has been identified to fund the awards and grants and cover publicity, and other materials. Support for the administration of the awards will be provided by the Community Development and Public Health Teams within the Local Authority.

3.5 Assuming the Board is in agreement with this approach details of the scheme will be formally launched at the Health and Wellbeing Community Feedback Event in the spring. Further marketing and promotional materials will then be produced outlining details of the scheme and the application process.

4.0 **IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

4.1 **Children & Young People in Halton**

Whilst there are no direct implications as a result of this report, improving the Health of Children and Young People is a key priority in Halton.

4.2 **Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton**

N/A

4.3 **A Healthy Halton**

All issues outlined in this report focus directly on this priority.

4.4 **A Safer Halton**

N/A

4.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal**

N/A

5.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

N/A

6.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

6.1 The Health and Wellbeing Community Awards will be directed at a wide range of residents and community groups in order to ensure equality of opportunity.

7.0 **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

Halton Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2012