

West Berkshire Council Health Inequalities Taskforce

Terms of Reference

1. GENERAL

- 1.1. These terms of reference set out the membership, remit, responsibility and reporting arrangement of the West Berkshire Council Health Inequalities Taskforce

2. PURPOSE

- 2.1. The purpose of this group is to provide a coordinated approach to work undertaken to address health inequalities in West Berkshire
- 2.2. The main task for the group will be to develop a delivery and action plan to address priority 1 (Reduce the differences in health between different groups of people) of the new Berkshire West Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2021 - 2030
- 2.3. This will be done by joined up working and improved communication between stakeholders and group members and development of actions to support the system as a whole

3. RESPONSIBILITIES

- 3.1. The group is responsible for mapping out health inequalities in West Berkshire and to develop a shared understanding of which of our communities are most in need
- 3.2. The group will assess how Covid-19 has differentially impacted our local population and develop actions to mitigate the long term impact of Covid-19 from increasing existing health and social inequities
- 3.3. The group will provide oversight to the work ongoing across the local authority to address reduce health inequalities, ensuring a life course approach
- 3.4. The group will work towards implementation of a Health In All Policies approach at West Berkshire Council

4. MEMBERSHIP

- 4.1. The group consists of representation from the following
- Public Health
 - Education
 - Equality and Diversity
 - Building Communities together
 - Adult Social Care
 - Children's services

- Transport
- Housing and Planning
- Berkshire West Clinical Commissioning Group

5. FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS

5.1. The group will meet monthly

5.2. If a designated member is unable to attend, they should endeavour to send a replacement in their place

6. ACCOUNTABILITY

6.1. The group is proposed to report to the West Berkshire Health and Wellbeing Board

6.2. The group will also align with other relevant streams of work including

- 6.2.1. Covid-19 recovery
- 6.2.2. Refresh of the Council plan
- 6.2.3. The Children's Delivery Group
- 6.2.4. Engaging and Enabling Communities

7. REVIEW DATE

7.1. Membership and chairing arrangements will be reviewed annually. Next review date will be May 2022

Approval Date: