

Adult Social Care

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Report of: Director of Adult Social Care

Meeting of: Health and Wellbeing Board

Date: 9th July 2024

Ward(s): All wards

Subject: Islington's ambition to become an Age Friendly Community

1. Synopsis

- 1.1 This paper is accompanied by a presentation which details the work underway to join the Age Friendly Communities Network and become a more age friendly borough.
- 1.2 The presentation outlines the context to the work, including the Full Council Motion passed in September 2023; what it means to be an Age Friendly Community; the benefits of joining the Network and why the Council and partners are committed to becoming an Age Friendly Community.
- 1.3 It also outlines the framework that guides the process local areas should follow; progress the Council has made to date in partnership with other stakeholders, including the Integrated Care Board and voluntary and community sector partners.
- 1.4 This work is underpinned by a needs assessment, and the key messages are highlighted in the presentation. The presentation contains two appendices: detailed needs assessment and a summary of work already underway in Islington mapped against the eight Age Friendly Communities domains.

2. Recommendations

The Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to:

- 2.1 Work collaboratively with partners on this initiative, recognising becoming a more Age Friendly Borough will not be achieved by one organisation alone.

- 2.2 Commit to looking through an Age Friendly lens in all that Board partners do, both individually and collectively.
- 2.3 Agree for progress reports on our collective Age Friendly Communities work to be presented at the Board, for partners to consider what more partners may need to do to drive progress. These updates will come as part of Age Well updates on the new Health and Wellbeing Board Strategy that's in development.

3. Background

- 3.1 Islington Council passed a motion at Full Council in September 2023 to apply to become part of the Age Friendly Communities Network, facilitated by the Centre for Better Ageing.
- 3.2 We want Islington to be recognised by our residents as an age friendly borough, where Islington is a welcoming place to grow old in, enabling people to age well and live a good later life.
- 3.3 The Council has been working with health partners and voluntary and community sector partners to progress the first stages of the Age Friendly Communities Framework. The framework provides a systematic approach to support local areas to become more age friendly.
- 3.4 We do not anticipate any negative impacts associated with this initiative. We have completed an initial Equalities Impact Assessment but will keep refreshing this as the work progresses.
- 3.5 We are currently developing our application to join the Network and plan to submit our application in August 2024, the next submission deadline.
- 3.5 Please refer to Appendix 1 – the presentation, for more detail.

4. Implications

4.1. Financial Implications

- 4.1.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report. The measures and recommendations proposed in this report are not currently quantifiable. Any recommendations from this report, if adopted, will need to be expanded upon and reviewed with the financial implications assessed.

4.2. Legal Implications

- 4.2.1 There are no legal implications flowing from this report.

4.3. **Environmental Implications and contribution to achieving a net zero carbon Islington by 2030**

4.3.1 Although this report for discussion is outside the realms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), this could usefully benefit from some consideration as to Climate Resilience and adaptation. Overheating especially is an acute risk to an ageing population, with temperatures now reaching 40oC+, and this becoming a more regular occurrence, with peak temperature of 45oC+ potentially being experienced by 2050.

4.4. **Equalities Impact Assessment**

4.4.1 The council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation, and to advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations, between those who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it (section 149 Equality Act 2010). The council has a duty to have due regard to the need to remove or minimise disadvantages, take steps to meet needs, in particular steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities, and encourage people to participate in public life. The council must have due regard to the need to tackle prejudice and promote understanding.

4.4.2 An Equalities Impact Assessment: Screening Tool was completed on 10 June 2024 which identified no potential negative impacts and a range of positive impacts. The Equalities Impact Assessment is appended – see Appendix 2.

5. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

5.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is the most common forum other boroughs discuss their borough's progress towards becoming an Age Friendly Community. This is due to the importance of partnerships and shared focus on population health and wellbeing.

5.2 Islington Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to note that Age Friendly Communities will be a section in the Age Well chapter of the new Health and Wellbeing Strategy. The Board are asked to work collaboratively with partners on this initiative, recognising becoming an Age Friendly Community will not be achieved by one organisation alone.

Appendices:

1. Age Friendly Communities presentation.
2. Equalities Impact Assessment: Screening Tool.

Background papers:

None.

Final report clearance:

Signed by: Jody Pilling - Director of Strategic Commissioning and Investment, Adult's and Children's.

Date: June 2024.