



HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD: 26 FEBRUARY 2026

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH, LAW & GOVERNANCE

JOINT LOCAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY AMENDMENT, EASY READ VERSION AND DELIVERY PLAN

Purpose of report

1. The purpose of this report is to enable the Board to:
 - a. amend wording of a commitment in the Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JLHWS) (Reviewed and Revised 2022-2032) and;
 - b. approve the easy read document of the JLHWS;
 - c. note the first iteration of the delivery plan.

Recommendation

2. The HWB is recommended to:
 - Approve changes of wording to the 'healthy homes' commitment in the Staying Healthy Safe & Well life course priority within the Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2022-2032 (Reviewed and revised 2025).
 - Approve the easy read document of the JLHWS;
 - Note the Joint Local Health & Wellbeing Strategy Delivery Plan.

Policy Framework and Previous Decision

3. At its meeting on the 4 December 2025, the HWB approved the final version of the Joint Local Health & Wellbeing Strategy 20022-2032 (reviewed and revised 2025).

Background

4. Following approval of the Joint Local Health & Wellbeing Strategy, the Board endorsed the commencement of phase 2 of the strategy review. This phase included the development of an Easy Read version of the strategy, the development of a delivery plan and a review of governance arrangements to support effective implementation of the strategy.

Progress Update & Proposals

5. During phase two of the review, it was identified that a commitment within the Staying Healthy, Safe and Well section of the recently approved strategy required an amendment. The proposed change is to revise the wording from:
 - a. **Healthy homes:** We will work together to make sure homes are affordable, safe, warm and of suitable quality and type, to support lifelong health and wellbeing.

To:

- b. **Healthy homes:** We will work together to make sure homes are safe, warm and of suitable quality and type, to support lifelong health and wellbeing.

The term 'affordable' has been removed from the strategy as the partnership cannot directly influence housing market prices. The updated wording therefore reflects the areas within the partnership's sphere of influence.

6. Progress has been made on the development of an Easy Read version of the strategy. With support from Easy Read Online and feedback sought from the Joint Local Health & Wellbeing Strategy Steering Group, the final version of the document can be viewed in **appendix 1**.
7. The easy read version of the revised Strategy has been developed, recognising the importance of making the Strategy more accessible and easier to understand for a wider audience. To support effective dissemination, a comprehensive communication and engagement plan is being developed as part of the project, to ensure the strategy reaches its intended audiences. This will make use of existing communication channels and partner organisations to help promote and share the strategy widely.
8. The delivery plan underpinning the strategy can be viewed in **appendix 2**. Each subgroup has been responsible for collaboratively developing the plan for their lead areas. This has included developing actions aligned to revised commitments, identifying links to other strategies and setting out how success will be measured to assess impact. This process will be iterative and ongoing, and this plan represents the start of that work. Going forward, the delivery plan will be attached to annual reports to support ongoing monitoring and accountability.
9. Following the revised strategy and the development of the accompanying delivery plan the programme is now well positioned to align with wider system priorities and partnership plans. Work will now commence on the development of neighbourhood plans as an addendum to the delivery plan, setting out local priorities and supporting delivery at place level.

10. Subject to approval, the proposal is that each subgroup will provide an update on progress against actions within the delivery plan at least once per year to Health and Wellbeing board. These updates will include, as a minimum, a narrative overview, relevant case studies and performance data to demonstrate progress and impact.

Next Steps

11. Subject to approval of the delivery plan:

- The revised JLHW Strategy will be launched and embedded within partner organisations from 1 April 2026 with the approved amendment.
- Review of governance arrangements will continue
- Progress reports to HWB will commence from 1 April 2026:
 - June 2026 - Staying Healthy Safe & Well
 - September 2026 - Living and Supported Well & Dying Well
 - December 2026 – Mental Health
 - February 2027 – Best Start for Life

Background papers

Report considered by Health and Wellbeing Board on 4 December 2025:

<https://democracy.leics.gov.uk/documents/s193416/HWB%20Report%20JLHWS%20Strategy%20Review%20Dec%202025%20DRAFT1.pdf>

Appendices

Appendix 1 – JLHWS Easy Read version

Appendix 2 – JLHWS Delivery Plan

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Relevant Impact Assessments

Equality Implications

12. An EHIRA has been completed as part of the JLHWS review during 2025

Human Rights Implications

13. There are no human rights implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

Partnership Working and associated issues

14. The JLHWS review focuses on the commitment from partners in delivering the strategic objectives to improve the health and wellbeing of Leicestershire residents.
15. Partnership working will be fundamental to the success of the next phase of the strategy review. Building on the strong collaborations already established, continued collaboration will ensure the successful progression of priorities and collective ownership of delivery. By working together, partners can draw on their combined skills, insights and resources to drive the work forward and achieve better outcomes for our residents.

Risk Assessment

16. A full risk assessment has been managed as part of the project