

Somerset Board

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Report for approval



## **Somerset Board priorities**

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<p><b>Summary:</b></p>	<p>Using the Improving Lives in Somerset (2019-2028) and the Integrated Health and Care Strategies two informal workshops have been undertaken for Somerset Board members. The focus of the workshops was to define the priorities for the Somerset Board.</p> <p>Five topic priorities have been identified for the Board. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Housing</li><li>• Care (all age)</li><li>• Educational attainment</li><li>• Climate</li><li>• Population health and prevention</li></ul> <p>To enable the work of the Board to progress two enabling priorities have also been identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The development of a system intelligence function</li><li>• The development and adoption of neighbourhood and locality approaches</li></ul> <p>A recommendation is made that for the rest of this year and for 24/25 the priorities to focus on are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Housing</li><li>• Development of a system intelligence function</li><li>• Development of neighbourhood and locality approaches.</li></ul>
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	<b>Provide the best care and support to children and adults – Ensure safe, sustainable, effective, high quality person-centred support in the most appropriate setting.</b>	<b>x</b>
	<b>Strengthen care and support in local communities – Develop and enhance support in local neighbourhood areas and bring care and support closer to home.</b>	<b>x</b>
	<b>Reduce Inequalities – Value all people alike, target our resources and attention to where it is most needed, giving equal priority to physical and mental health.</b>	<b>x</b>
	<b>Respond well to complex needs – Improve outcomes for children and adults with complex needs through personalised, co-ordinated support.</b>	<b>x</b>
	The priority areas proposed are fully aligned to both the Improving Lives in Somerset and Integrated Health and Care Strategy.	
<b>Financial, Legal, HR, Social value and partnership Implications:</b>	The Somerset Board is made up of a wide range of system leaders representing the many and varied aspects of the wider determinants of health. Partnership working of Board members is essential to the successful working of the Board.	
<b>Equalities Implications:</b>	<p>The report does not require an Equalities Impact Assessment.</p> <p>The activity under-pinning the development of the priorities is informed by a need to support vulnerabilities in a holistic manner. Many of the ‘protected characteristics’ such as age, disability, gender etc can present as vulnerabilities, dependent on the circumstances. In the development of the priorities during the workshop there was a focus on need and tackling inequalities.</p>	
<b>Risk Assessment:</b>		

	There is a risk that the Somerset Board does not achieve its optimal impact if priority topics are not identified and approached systematically as the Board is implemented.
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## **1. Background**

- 1.1.** The Somerset Board is a new Board consisting of both the Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board and the Somerset Integrated Care Partnership. As part of defining the priorities for the Board two workshops were held with Board members to identify priority topic areas. The Somerset Board is now asked to approve these at its first formal meeting.
- 1.2.** Focusing on housing as the first priority area for the Board during 24/25 offers the opportunity to significantly influence the health and wellbeing of the local population. Maslow's hierarchy of needs details the importance of shelter and property as essential to address both physiological, safety and security needs, the most basic needs we have. Prioritising housing will act as a fundamental building block for the other priority areas of the Board.

Somerset Council will also be progressing a Somerset Local Plan replacing the former district council plans. The Local Plan sets out a framework for future development of the area including looking at needs and opportunities relating to housing. The Somerset Board could influence the progression of the Local Plan.

## **2. Improving Lives and Integrated Health and Care Priorities and Outcomes**

- 2.1.** The priorities are fully aligned with both the Improving Lives and Integrated Care Strategies.

## **3. Consultations undertaken**

- 3.1.** Two workshops have been undertaken with Board members to define the priorities for the Board.

## **4. Request of the Board and its members**

- 4.1.** Board members are asked to approve the five topic priorities and the two enabling priorities for the Board to focus on going forwards
- 4.2.** Board members are asked to approve the focus for the first year of the Board on housing and the two enabling priorities.

## 5. Background papers

### 5.1. [Somerset Local Plan](#)

## 6. Report Sign-Off

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<b>Report Sign off</b>	<b>Seen by:</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Date</b>
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Somerset Integrated Care Partnership Chair	Paul Von Der Heyde	06/12/23	