

Report title: Essex Local Delivery Pilot Update	
Report to: Essex Health and Wellbeing Board	
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County Divisions affected: All Essex	

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To inform the Health and Wellbeing Board (the Board) of the latest developments with the Local Delivery Pilot (LDP) since May 15th 2019.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Board is asked to:
 - 2.1.1 note the latest developments of the Local Delivery Plan,
 - 2.1.2 Note that the Board will receive regular updates on any awards made against the LDP grant.

3. Summary of latest developments

- 3.1 The Board has been receiving regular updates following the approval in November 2017 by Sport England for Essex to be one of 12 local delivery pilots (LDPs) across England. The LDP's look to reduce inequalities and barriers to physical activity through system change and new ways of working. The focus of the Essex LDP is to test through system interventions to increase physical activity in the three areas of Basildon, Colchester, and Tendring (Pilot Areas), and to replicate and scale up good practice across Essex.
- 3.2 System interventions are planned with a number of organisations across the different settings. These are summarised in the new LDP plans for Tendring, Basildon, and Colchester, and in the Tier 1 action plan which focuses on health, education, social care, and infrastructure. The LDP Activity Dashboard Action Plan details the key work streams, deliverables, and milestones, and is attached at Appendix 1.
- 3.3 In May 2019, the Health and Wellbeing Board approved the LDP Investment Guidance which established clear investment priorities, criteria, budget headlines, governance, accountability, decision making levels, and sign off

thresholds.

- 3.4 In July 2019, Essex County Council and Sport England signed the new Lottery Funding Agreement and Deed which sets out the detailed legal and financial requirements for drawing down the new award of £9.84m up until 2025 (£5.9m committed for spend straightaway, and a further £3.94m in principle subject to satisfactory progress and more detailed spend plans in the future).
- 3.5 In accordance with the Lottery Funding Agreement, ECC is the Accountable Body for the grant. The three pilot areas are establishing LDP implementation groups, with membership from the different system settings and different target groups. Each group has written a plan to clarify the strategic and geographical priorities for their place and will develop investment proposals to bring forward for approval.
- 3.6 The LDP evaluation partner was appointed at the end of June following a comprehensive procurement process. The successful evaluation partner is made up of a consortium of University of Essex, Sheffield Hallam University, Brunel University, JUMP Social Impact, and Reason Digital. The value of the contract is £736,866, for an initial period up until December 2021. The evaluation will use qualitative and quantitative methods to examine the impact of different approaches to whole system change, system interventions, and test and learn projects. Evaluation tools will be co-produced and used to collect reference data for future measurement. The University of Essex consortium will work with people within the system to establish a sustainable approach to evaluation and learning across Essex.
- 3.7 To aid the delivery and evaluation of the LDP, data and insight capability is being built. We have engaged the services of a Senior Researcher sitting within ECC Strategy, Insight & Engagement and with an association to the Public Health Insight team. They will lead the data and insight work across Research & Citizen Insight and Data & Analytics supporting the LDP during the life of the project and ensuring that physical activity data and insight can be used to influence the business beyond this.
- 3.8 The LDP continues to share its learning to date and featured at the national cycling conference held in Chelmsford on September 5th, which included a keynote presentation from Tim Hollingsworth, Chief Executive of Sport England, who are the principal funder of the LDP programme. We will also be sharing our experiences at the Essex Assembly on September 17th where the LDP will be presenting a workshop about the importance of asset-based community development.

4. Financial implications

- 4.1. The work will be funded by Sport England through a series of grants to the LDP.
- 4.2. Where there is potential for added value to be achieved there may be the potential to match resources or funding from HWB partners or other sources. These proposals will be developed on a case by case basis as the next phase of the LDP develops.

5. Legal implications

- 5.1. ECC as the Accountable Body for the Essex Local Delivery Pilot has entered into a legal agreement with Sport England. The agreement was signed on 23rd July 2019.
- 5.2. This means that decisions about how the grant is spent are formally for ECC to take and must be taken under ECC's constitution rather than by the Board.

6. Equality Impact Assessment

- 6.1. The LDP will address a range of inequalities within Essex and has specific focus on older people, families with dependent children, and people with poor mental health living in low-income communities. A full EQiA will be prepared by the local authorities with the pilot areas.

7. Appendix

- 7.1. Appendix 1 – LDP Activity Dashboard