

**Appendix 1: Healthy Places Workstream – Progress Summary 2015-2019**  
<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/Health-in-Herts/Healthy-places/Healthy-places.aspx>

2015 Position	Tasks for 2015/16	Progress 2016	Progress 2017/18	Progress 2019	Future Actions
<b>Housing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Starting to engage with key partners within the County Council</li> <li>Starting to identify external stakeholders to engage with</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Define the housing 'scope'</li> <li>Establish clear priorities and key messages</li> <li>Identify how Public Health can make better linkages with stakeholders</li> <li>Map housing and health priorities</li> <li>Identify public health intelligence on housing priorities</li> <li>Identify and establish working links with housing stakeholders</li> <li>Other projects</li> <li>Establish how we can use the JSNA appropriately and effectively</li> <li>Engage directly with strategic partners and key stakeholders to identify common priorities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Housing and Health report identified three key areas – quality, availability, accessibility.</li> <li>Stakeholder mapping and network mapping</li> <li>Engagement with HWB and Strategy identified lead role for public health around housing quality.</li> <li>PH Board subgroup on housing quality – approved TOR and action plan. Priorities identified around cold homes.</li> <li>Links with stakeholders – attend various Boards/forums including Supported Accommodation Strategic Board, Heads of Housing group, EHDC Housing Forum, Herts &amp; Beds Environmental Health Housing Group</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Housing Quality JSNA published<sup>i</sup></li> <li>Herts Warmer Homes Scheme starts operating (December 2017) to tackle excess winter deaths and poor health outcomes from cold homes.</li> <li>Healthy Places Officer appointed with specific housing remit</li> <li>Housing Quality Working Group running for a year, established as a sub-group to Public Health Board to work collaboratively on housing quality and health issues with District/Borough authorities (environmental health and housing), Adult Care, NHS partners and Fire and Rescue.</li> <li>Public Health leads countywide strategic review of housing and health, reporting back to Hertfordshire Public Sector Chief Execs group</li> <li>Public Health Board runs Housing and Health workshop, attended by all relevant public sector colleagues, identifies short-term priority to understand roles and responsibilities.<sup>ii</sup></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>January 2019 sees Public Health, Heads of Housing and Stevenage Borough Council's final report back to Hertfordshire Public Sector Chief Execs, with housing prioritised in the <i>Hertfordshire Public Sector Action Plan 2018-2019</i><sup>iii</sup></li> <li>Public Health coordinate internal strategic housing report for SMB leading to agreement to create an HCC Corporate Housing Group chaired by the Director of Resources.</li> <li>Herts Warmer Homes enters second year of operation, delivered in-house by Public Health, with the creation of a small Warmer Homes team</li> <li>Explore parallel pilot project with Hertsmere Borough Council (Environmental Health), utilising Fire and Rescue thermal imaging equipment to identify cold homes</li> <li>Housing Quality Continuing Professional Development training for health and social care professionals – programme developed in collaboration with District Environmental Health colleagues; first training event delivered summer 2019</li> <li>In response to highlighted lack of understanding across the system of housing and health roles and responsibilities, our Health Professional pages now include information which maps this for colleagues<sup>iv</sup></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Corporate Housing Group to be convened with specific short-term action plan</li> <li>Explore broader roll-out and application of Housing Quality CPD training</li> <li>Refresh of Housing Quality Working Group priorities and Action Plan</li> <li>Collaboration with countywide housing projects where appropriate e.g. Watford Borough Council – led Hoarding Project</li> <li>Delivery of Herts Warmer Homes Scheme to March 31<sup>st</sup> 2020</li> </ul>
<b>Transport</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engaging well with key partners within the County Council</li> <li>Working with external stakeholders to identify common priorities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish clear priorities &amp; key messages</li> <li>Establish evidence base</li> <li>Identify how Public Health can make better linkages with stakeholders</li> <li>Respond to transport plan making</li> <li>Ensure appropriate guidance available to inform transport planning processes</li> <li>Work with the Highways Authority to ensure PH priorities are taken into account</li> <li>Input when appropriate to the development and updating of key documents</li> <li>Identify areas to add value</li> <li>Support delivery of existing active travel projects where necessary</li> <li>Contribute to and support development of new transport initiatives with public health outcomes</li> </ul>	<p>The Planning and Place lead sits on a number of strategic groups including, Transport Planning Board, Sustainable and Active Travel Group and the Road Safety Strategic Partnership.</p> <p>Public Health has been actively consulted on, and contributed to, a number of strategic documents including the Local Transport Plan 4, Growth and Transport Plans, Roads in Herts Design Guidance</p> <p>Identified shared priorities have led to numerous examples of collaborative working, for example the Health Benefits of Active Travel briefing.</p> <p>Have contributed to bids for funding by adding the health dynamic as a supporting factor.</p> <p>Added value to the GTP process through provision of health evidence.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public Health-led series of workshops for Highways and Environment colleagues exploring the application of Transport for London's <i>Healthy Streets</i> approach to Hertfordshire</li> <li>Contribution to writing of forthcoming HCC Active Travel Strategy</li> <li>Continued input into Local Transport Plan 4 2018-31, formally adopted in 2018 with clear reference to health and wellbeing outcomes<sup>v</sup></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continued input into transport related forums including Road Safety (e.g. creating working links on road-related suicides) and Active Travel</li> <li>Main focus has been to work collaboratively on the air quality agenda (see below)</li> </ul>	<p>See Appendix 2</p> <p>Continued maintenance of momentum and working relationship.</p> <p>Future collaboration particularly in relation to delivery of Air Quality agenda – see below.</p>

2015 Position	Tasks for 2015/16	Progress 2016	Progress 2017/18	Progress 2019	Future Actions
<b>Planning</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aware of the spatial planning processes across Hertfordshire and timescales and routes to engagement;</li> <li>Taking forward steps through initial engagement in individual planning documents, but on an <i>ad hoc</i> basis;</li> <li>Engaging with key partners within the County Council around planning issues</li> <li>Formulating our criteria for responding to spatial planning and infrastructure development, but this needs to be refined</li> <li>Working with external stakeholders to identify common priorities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop an evidence base for some areas; improve, refine and enhance evidence for others and disseminate to a wide audience</li> <li>Establish how we can use the JSNA appropriately and effectively</li> <li>Agree priorities</li> <li>Engage directly with strategic partners and key stakeholders</li> <li>Promote planning and place for health across Hertfordshire</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Threshold for response to planning applications set at 100 dwellings or more</li> <li>Local plan engagement – responses submitted to all local plan consultations</li> <li>Masterplanning engagement</li> <li>Planning application responses as and when received</li> <li>Air quality issues in planning highlighted consistently</li> <li>Direct engagement with a number of District/Borough planning teams (WHBC, EHDC, NHBC, SBC, BBC)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hertfordshire's Health, Wellbeing and Planning Guidance published<sup>vi</sup></li> <li>Guidance utilised and referenced by other local authorities</li> <li>EHDC Local Plan adopted with Health, Wellbeing and Planning Guidance referenced in support of specific Health and Wellbeing policy<sup>vii</sup></li> <li>Engagement in early Gilston masterplanning – jointly with Essex Public Health</li> <li>Health Impact Assessment identified as a priority work area for development</li> <li>Collaborative work with Environment colleagues to build health and wellbeing into Minerals and Waste Local Plan processes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Healthy Places Officer appointed with specific remit for planning – immediate increase in planning application response rate</li> <li>Routinely seeking or recommending Health Impact Assessments in planning consultation responses</li> <li>Early engagement in Luton airport expansion proposals</li> <li>Health Impact Assessment Position Statement developed (see accompanying panel paper)</li> <li>Joint consultation response to 8,500 homes Gilston application with Essex Public Health</li> <li>Member of Harlow and Gilston Garden Town health workstream; engagement in the commissioning of the HGGT Healthy Town Framework, working with TCPA</li> </ul>	See Appendix 2
<b>Environment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engaging with key partners within the County Council</li> <li>Working with external stakeholders to identify common priorities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish evidence base</li> <li>Utilise existing guidance and experiences from other organisations</li> <li>Sharing of good practice</li> <li>Making links and connections between agendas and stakeholders</li> <li>Literature review</li> <li>Explore how JSNA can support the Local Nature Partnership</li> <li>Engage with development of Herts Green Infrastructure Investment Plan</li> <li>Identify PH priorities in relation to green space and green infrastructure – develop strategic position</li> <li>Develop strategic position statement for public health to feed into future minerals and waste planning</li> <li>Respond to Minerals Strategy Consultation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public Health has been actively consulted on, and contributed to, a number of strategic documents including – the Hertfordshire Flood Risk Management Strategy, the Rights of Way Improvement Plan and the Minerals Local Plan.</li> <li>Public Health undertook a literature review for the Local Nature Partnership on the role of the natural environment in promoting good health and wellbeing. The Partnership is now looking at how this can translate into actions taken forward at the local level.</li> <li>Public Health has provided guidance on a number of minerals and waste proposals, including the Rye House Energy Recovery Facility proposal and the Ware Park sand and gravel extraction proposal.</li> <li>Public Health is supporting and working collaboratively with environment colleagues in the development of the Hertfordshire Green Infrastructure Strategy.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Air Quality focus</li> <li>Air Quality JSNA published<sup>viii</sup></li> <li>Countywide Member Air Quality seminar held January 2018, facilitated by the Chair, UK Health Forum</li> <li>Series of HCC Officer workshops held 2017/2018</li> <li>Commitment from Members and SMB to develop HCC Air Quality Strategy</li> <li>SMB agree to establish Corporate Air Quality Group, chaired by Director of Public Health</li> <li>Strategy development during 2018</li> <li>Continued Public Health representation at Herts and Beds Air Quality Forum</li> <li>First two years reporting of real-time PM2.5 monitoring across Hertfordshire, funded by Public Health</li> <li>Air Quality raised as standard issue in response to planning consultations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Air Quality focus</li> <li>Herts and Beds Air Pollution Alert System up and running, led by District/Borough authorities, supported by HCC<sup>ix</sup></li> <li>HCC Air Quality Strategy<sup>x</sup> and Implementation Plan<sup>xi</sup> (Public Health-led) adopted</li> <li>Delivery programme for implementation of Air Quality Strategy underway (Public Health-led)</li> <li>Third PM2.5 monitoring report to be published Autumn 2019</li> <li>Summary document on the application and limitations of air quality data published<sup>xii</sup></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop Countywide strategic approach to air quality in partnership with District and Borough authorities.</li> <li>Delivery of quick wins and short-term projects in support of HCC Strategy</li> <li>Development of public facing information on Indoor Air Quality based on forthcoming NICE guidance.</li> <li>Contribution to emerging sustainability and climate emergency strategy and work programme.</li> <li>Continue to respond to wider environment priorities; maintain working relationships.</li> </ul>

<sup>i</sup> <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/microsites/jsna/jsna-documents/housing-quality-health-jsna-final-draft-july2017.pdf>

<sup>ii</sup> <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/health-in-herts/professionals/healthy-places-professionals.aspx>

<sup>iii</sup> <https://www.leadinghertfordshire.com/storage/app/media/A%20Better%20Deal%20for%20Hertfordshire%20FINAL%20Jan%202018.pdf>

<sup>iv</sup> <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/health-in-herts/professionals/housing/healthy-places-for-housing-professionals.aspx>

<sup>v</sup> <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/media-library/documents/about-the-council/consultations/ltp4-local-transport-plan-4-complete.pdf>

<sup>vi</sup> <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/media-library/documents/public-health/hertfordshires-health-and-wellbeing-planning-guidance-may-2017.pdf>

<sup>vii</sup> Chapter 19 <https://www.eastherts.gov.uk/districtplan>

<sup>viii</sup> <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/microsites/jsna/jsna-documents/jsna-summaries/es-air-quality-jsna.pdf> and <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/microsites/jsna/jsna-documents/air-quality-jsna-v1.1.pdf>

<sup>ix</sup> <https://www.airqualityengland.co.uk/local-authority/knr-subscription>

<sup>x</sup> <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/media-library/documents/about-the-council/data-and-information/air-quality-strategy.pdf>

<sup>xi</sup> <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/media-library/documents/about-the-council/data-and-information/air-quality-implementation-plan.pdf>

<sup>xii</sup> <https://www.hertshealthevidence.org/documents/thematic/airqualitydatafaq-briefing-2019-07.pdf>