

**CHESHIRE EAST HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**  
Reports Cover Sheet

<b>Title of Report:</b>	Increasing Equalities Commission Update
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**Executive Summary**

<b>Is this report for:</b>	Information <input type="checkbox"/>	Discussion <input type="checkbox"/>	Decision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Why is the report being brought to the board?</b>	To update the Board on the work of the Commission and proposals for a re-naming and a future work programme.		
<b>Please detail which, if any, of the Health &amp; Wellbeing Strategic Outcomes this report relates to?</b>	<p>1. Cheshire East is a place that supports good health and wellbeing for everyone <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>2. Our children and young people experience good physical and emotional health and wellbeing <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>3. The mental health and wellbeing of people living and working in Cheshire East is improved <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>4. That more people live and age well, remaining independent; and that their lives end with peace and dignity in their chosen place <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>All of the above <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>		
<b>Please detail which, if any, of the Health &amp; Wellbeing Principles this report relates to?</b>	<p>Equality and Fairness <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Accessibility <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Integration <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Quality <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Sustainability <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Safeguarding <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>All of the above <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>		

<p><b>Key Actions for the Health &amp; Wellbeing Board to address. Please state recommendations for action.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To acknowledge the work of the Commission on Crewe and the need for an ongoing focus upon the town which continues to have the worst inequalities in the borough.</li> <li>• To consider the re-naming of the Commission to the 'All Together Fairer Commission' to align its work with the Cheshire and Merseyside 'All Together Fairer' programme to reduce inequalities across C&amp;M.</li> <li>• To agree that the Commission focus its work on the recommendations of the 'All Together Fairer' Report and their implementation (where relevant, applicable and affordable) in Cheshire East.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Has the report been considered at any other committee meeting of the Council/meeting of the CCG board/stakeholders?</b></p>	<p>No</p>
<p><b>Has public, service user, patient feedback/consultation informed the recommendations of this report?</b></p>	<p>No</p>
<p><b>If recommendations are adopted, how will residents benefit? Detail benefits and reasons why they will benefit.</b></p>	<p>Some of our residents continue to have their lives blighted by inequalities and the consequential poorer health outcomes. A sustained and consistent approach to tackling inequality is required over time to create a change that will reduce this inequality. If successful this will improve educational attainment, work skills, individual and household income generation, quality of housing, access to services, and ultimately to better health and wellbeing and longer, better quality lives.</p>

## 1 Report Summary

- 1.1 The Increasing Equalities Commission was established by the Health and Wellbeing Board in late 2020. Its first programme of work focussed upon Crewe, culminating in the publication of 'Living Well in Crewe', endorsed by the Board in November 2022 [Living Well in Crewe AHC 1.0.pdf](#)
- 1.2 There has been a pause in the Commission's meetings as the work to get the Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy drafted and approved took place in the first part of 2023 followed by the local elections. During that time thought has been given to the future work of the Commission and this is set out below.

## 2 Recommendations

- 2.1 To acknowledge the work of the Commission on Crewe and the need for an ongoing focus upon the town which continues to have the worst inequalities in the borough.
- 2.2 To consider the re-naming of the Commission to the 'All Together Fairer Commission' to align its work with the Cheshire and Merseyside 'All Together Fairer' programme to reduce inequalities across C&M.
- 2.3 To agree that the Commission focus its next work programme on the recommendations of the 'All Together Fairer: Health equity and social determinants of health in Cheshire and

Merseyside' Report and their implementation (where relevant, applicable and affordable) in Cheshire East.

## **2 Reasons for Recommendations**

- 3.1 To create capacity within Cheshire East to fully embrace the findings of the 'All Together Fairer: Health equity and social determinants of health in Cheshire and Merseyside' report and make progress against the report's recommendations.

## **4 Impact on Health and Wellbeing Strategic Outcomes**

- 4.1 The 'All Together Fairer' report was taken into consideration when the Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy and Five Year Plan 2023-2028 was drafted and consulted upon. There is thus a strong alignment between the two documents.

## **5 Background**

- 5.1 In September 2020, in the light of emerging evidence that the impact of COVID 19 was greater upon those facing inequalities, the Cheshire East Health and Wellbeing Board agreed to the establishment of the Increasing Equalities Commission. The Commission's work began in early 2021 and the first work programme (that had focussed upon inequality in Crewe) culminated in the publication of 'Living well in Crewe' in 2022 (endorsed by the Board in November 2022)
- 5.2 Further work over the last six months has led to the preparation of the Crewe Joint Strategic Needs Assessment that incorporates and builds upon the recommendations within 'Living Well in Crewe'.
- 5.3 Similarly in 2021 the Institute of Health Equity (IHE) was commissioned by the Population Health Board of the Cheshire and Merseyside Health and Care Partnership (HCP) to support work to reduce health inequalities in the region through action on the social determinants of health and to build back fairer from COVID-19. The Institute's report, 'All Together Fairer: Health equity and social determinants of health in Cheshire and Merseyside' [Cheshire-and-Merseyside\\_Executive-Summary-FINAL.pdf \(champspublichealth.com\)](#) was published and launched in May 2022 with a series of recommendations (short and long term) intended to reduce inequalities within Cheshire and Merseyside. The Cheshire East Health and Wellbeing Board endorsed the 'All Together Fairer' report in September 2022.
- 5.4 The recommendations of 'All Together Fairer' have been taken into account in the drafting of the Cheshire East Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy and Five-Year Plan 2023-2028.
- 5.5 After consideration as to how best to progress work within Cheshire East to achieve the outcomes within the 'All Together Fairer' report, and at the same time oversee the implementation of the deliverables within the Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy, it is proposed that the Commission takes on the oversight and co-ordination of this work on behalf of the Board. This will require a refresh of the Commission's membership (current membership has evolved with a focus upon Crewe). It is also suggested that we rename the Commission as the 'All Together Fairer Commission' to clearly align it with the Cheshire

and Merseyside report and ensure there is system clarity as to where the responsibility to progress the report's recommendations is sitting.

- 5.6 Initially the Commission will review the suite of recommendations and determine which to focus upon during the lifetime of the current Strategy. It is acknowledged that we will not have the capacity to make progress on or achieve all of the recommendations, so it will be necessary to identify those that we feel should be priorities within Cheshire East, and that, given capacity, budgets and other factors have a realistic likelihood of being achievable.

## **6 Access to Information**

- 6.1 The full 'All Together Fairer: Health equity and social determinants of health in Cheshire and Merseyside' report can be found here:

[Cheshire-and-Merseyside-report\\_interactive-v6.pdf \(champspublichealth.com\)](https://champspublichealth.com/Cheshire-and-Merseyside-report_interactive-v6.pdf)

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