

Report to:	HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD
Relevant Officer:	Pauline Wigglesworth, Health Determinants Research Collaboration Programme Director
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Councillor Lynn Williams, Leader of the Council
Date of Meeting:	14 December 2022

BLACKPOOL HEALTH DETERMINANTS RESEARCH COLLABORATION

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To update the Health and Wellbeing Board on the new Health Determinants Research Collaboration (HDRC) project.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To support the Health Determinants Research Collaboration implementation and development over the next 5 years.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 The Health Determinants Research Collaboration will require the support of all partners across Blackpool, to be successful in addressing the wider determinants of health and their impact on health inequalities in the town.

3.2 Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.3 Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council’s approved budget? Yes

4.0 Other alternative options to be considered:

4.1 None.

5.0 Council priority:

5.1 The relevant Council priority is: “Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience”.

6.0 Background information

6.1 Blackpool Council has been awarded £5 million over 5 years from the National Institute for Health Research to establish a Health Determinants Research Collaboration (HDRC) in Blackpool. The successful bid was co-developed with Lancaster University, Blackpool Teaching Hospitals and Empowerment Charity. Ten local authorities have been selected to establish Health Determinants Research Collaboration in 2022, with Blackpool being the only successful local authority in the North West of England.

6.2 The aim of the Health Determinants Research Collaboration is for Blackpool Council, in collaboration with local communities and partner organisations, to become a sustainably research active local authority, to embed a culture of evidence-based practice and co-produced research in line with local and organisational priorities and through this, to address the wider determinants of health that are producing stark health inequalities in Blackpool. In the initial years of our Health Determinants Research Collaboration, activities will be aligned to the priorities of the Place-Based Partnership – Housing; The first 1001 days of life; Education, employment and skills; and Mental health; with Healthy Lifestyles being a golden thread throughout.

6.3 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

7.0 List of Appendices:

7.1 Appendix 3a – Health Determinants Research Collaboration Bid Summary
Appendix 3b – Health Determinants Research Collaboration Logic Model

8.0 Financial considerations:

8.1 None arising from this report and presentation which is seeking the support of the Board for the principles of the research collaboration. It should be noted that future decisions may also be required regarding expenditure which will be made in line with the Council's Executive decision making criteria.

9.0 Legal considerations:

9.1 None.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 None.

11.0 Equalities considerations:

11.1 It is noted that 30% of the Health Determinants Research Collaboration budget is allocated to support the employment and training of 10 youth and 10 adult community co-researchers. These posts will only be available to people who are facing health inequalities and are experts by experience.

12.0 Sustainability, climate change and environmental considerations:

12.1 The Health Determinants Research Collaboration project will ensure that all aspects of the work will address sustainability, climate change and wider environmental factors.

13.0 Internal/external consultation undertaken:

13.1 The Health Determinants Research Collaboration bid was developed alongside community co-researchers and wider consultation with the Voluntary, Community and Faith sector was carried out.

14.0 Background papers:

14.1 None.