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Dear Councillor Chhokar

Community Board Profiles and Public Health Recommendations

Improving the health and wellbeing of our residents is a priority for Buckinghamshire Council and in particular levelling up outcomes for those at greatest risk of poor health. Community Boards have already demonstrated the great potential of local action to support residents' health during the pandemic and it is vital this continues as many challenges remain. We have worked with wider business intelligence to combine both the public health and community board profiles. I am pleased to attach this updated Community Board profile for your area with specific Public Health recommendations that will help Community Boards improve the health of your residents. These recommendations are a starter for 10 and a member of the public health team will be happy to discuss any of the proposed priorities and actions with you. An updated, interactive online version of the data profile will be available soon.

We have suggested a few areas of focus but recommend that **all Boards would have a profound beneficial impact on residents health if they were to include preventing heart disease and stroke in their priorities**. This is because heart disease and stroke is one of the most significant drivers of poor health and health inequalities in Buckinghamshire, there is good evidence of what works and the actions we take to prevent heart disease and stroke also help prevent dementia, some cancers, the commonest type of diabetes and many other conditions. It would also contribute to other important aims such as protecting the environment and economic success and reducing demand on council services.

In each of these areas, we propose a small set of actions that your Board can take to support your residents. These actions are categorised into different levels of input:

1. DEVELOP/FUND: introduce, expand, or develop initiatives supported by Public Health and/or other partners
2. PROMOTE, SIGNPOST, REFER or TRAIN: communicate information about local activities and services to residents, or develop new skills
3. PARTICIPATE: represent your community in shaping public health policy and actions across Buckinghamshire

Your Public Health lead, Stephanie Moffat (stephanie.moffat@buckinghamshire.gov.uk), will be pleased to provide more information and support discussions as you explore which actions to work on this year, advise what support is available, and how these might fit in with your other priorities.

Yours sincerely,

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