

## READING HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	18 March 2026
<b>Title</b>	Health and Wellbeing Board Compact
<b>Purpose of the report</b>	To make a decision
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<b>Organisation</b>	Reading Borough Council
<b>Recommendations</b>	1. To approve and adopt the Reading Health and Wellbeing Board Compact and agree to adhere to the principles and ways of working set out within it.

### 1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1. This report presents the draft Reading Health and Wellbeing Board Compact for approval and adoption.

### 2. Executive Summary

- 2.1. Following the Local Government Association review of the Health and Wellbeing Board last year, several changes to governance and working practices were proposed and agreed at the Board meeting on 11 July 2025.
- 2.2. These included the development of a Reading Health and Wellbeing Board Compact setting out how members will work collectively as a strategic partnership to drive meaningful action and achieve the vision articulated in the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy. This report presents the draft Compact for approval and adoption.

### 1. Background / Context

- 2.1 One of the recommendations arising from the recent Local Government Association review of the Health and Wellbeing Board was to develop a Compact – this was agreed at the Health and Wellbeing Board meeting on 11 July 2025.
- 2.2 The intention was for the Compact to set out how Board members will work collectively as a strategic partnership to drive meaningful action and achieve the vision articulated in the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
- 2.3 The Compact has been drafted by the Director of Public Health in consultation with Board members and is provided in Appendix 1. It has been developed with reference to other best practice examples across the country.
- 2.4 The Compact seeks to establish a mutual understanding of how the Board will operate and to define members' roles and responsibilities in delivering its function to deliver meaningful change and improve outcomes for people in reading. It sets out a number of core principles and how these should be practically supported.
- 2.5 Development of the Compact is timely given the current focus on neighbourhood health, which will require more integrated working amongst Health and Wellbeing Board partners.

## **2. Contribution to Reading's Health and Wellbeing Strategic Aims**

- 2.1. The Health and Wellbeing Board has responsibility for delivery of the objectives set-out in the [Berkshire West Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy 2021-30](#). The Compact sets out a way of working that will likely lead to successful delivery against strategy priorities.

## **3. Environmental and Climate Implications**

- 3.1. There are no general implications for the environment arising from this report.

## **4. Community Engagement**

- 4.1. No community engagement was undertaken as part of this report

## **5. Equality Implications**

- 5.1. Not applicable.

## **6. Other Relevant Considerations**

- 6.1. Not applicable.

## **7. Legal Implications**

- 7.1. Not applicable.

## **8. Financial Implications**

- 8.1. Not applicable.

## **9. Timetable for Implementation**

- 9.1. As detailed in this paper

## **10. Background Papers**

- 10.1. None

## **Appendices**

### **Appendix 1 – Reading Health and Wellbeing Board Compact**