1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

There has been widespread feedback about the STP process nationally and about the lack of public engagement however there has been limited opportunity to engage with local people as the workplans have been developed.

To counter this, we have audited past engagement activity from across the five boroughs to identify the priority health and care issues for our community in order to ‘test’ our proposals.

Much engagement has been done on at an individual organisational level but we have been unable to ‘land’ this engagement activity as being part of the STP process and that information and evidence from these activities is a legitimate form of engagement.

We have formed a comms and engagement workstream that includes representatives from Healthwatch, voluntary sector and local people to work alongside comms and engagement leads from the partner organisations and workstream reps. This group is currently developing the updated narrative, key messages, an engagement calendar and a staff engagement strategy.

Building community trust will only come if we are confident our plan is an accurate response to the health and care needs of our community.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- discuss the proposed approach going forward
- Note the rewrite of the plan and summary document
- Note the establishment of the comms and engagement workstream and the inclusive membership
3. **BACKGROUND**
The STP guidance is clear about the crucial role of Health and Wellbeing Boards, highlighting that success requires the engagement of all partners across a local system. The guidance goes on to encourage STPs to build on the work of the local Health and Wellbeing Board, including local needs assessments and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategies.