

Subject:		International Migrants in Brighton & Hove: a part of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment programme	
Date of Meeting:		Neighbourhoods, Inclusion, Communities and Equalities (NICE) Committee 22nd January 2018	
Report of:		Director of Neighbourhoods, Communities and Housing	
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FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND POLICY CONTEXT

- 1.1 *International Migrants in Brighton & Hove* provides a comprehensive analysis of the needs and assets of our migrant populations and will be used to inform commissioning, service planning and delivery across the city to improve outcomes and reduce inequalities.
- 1.2 The definition of migrant used in the document is “any person who lives temporarily or permanently in a country where he or she was not born” (definition from UNESCO). Generally, those whose intention is to stay in the UK for at least twelve months have been included while short term visitors, short term students or tourists have been excluded. The definition includes those who have migrated voluntarily (for work or study, for example) and those who are forced to migrate such as refugees, asylum seekers and those who are trafficked to the UK. The children of migrants have also been included within the scope of the report even if they were born in the UK.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the NICE Committee endorses the findings of the research and its recommendations.
- 2.2 That the NICE Committee considers the implications of the research when undertaking its future work.
- 2.3 That officers report back to the committee on an annual basis regarding progress on implementing the recommendations

3. CONTEXT/ BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1. *International Migrants in Brighton & Hove* has been produced as part of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) programme. Producing a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) is an equal and joint duty of local authorities and clinical commissioning groups (CCGs). The purpose is to support the improvement of the health and wellbeing of the local community and reduce inequalities by providing an analysis of the needs of the population. In Brighton & Hove the JSNA programme has included a number of in depth reports focusing on different population groups, for example the Trans Needs Assessment in 2015.
- 3.2. Previous reports produced by the council have looked at the circumstances facing residents from a Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) background. However there had not been a focus on the changing nature of the population, the particular needs of those who have migrated to the city from overseas and the assets they bring. The Health & Wellbeing Board approved inclusion of the topic within the JSNA programme for publication within 2017-18 and the NCE committee was informed of the initiation of this work in October 2016. The Equalities and Inclusion Partnership have had oversight of this work throughout this period and have agreed its recommendations.

How the work was undertaken

- 3.3. The project was led by the Public Health Intelligence Team and the Community Safety Manager –Refugees and Migrants, and involved four research strands:
 - A literature review of local and national research,
 - Data analysis of census, other routine national data and local service data,
 - Research with professionals/stakeholders voice gathered using an online survey and focus groups and
 - Community research. As part of this last strand, the Community University Participation Programme recruited and trained community researchers who were themselves migrants. They held focus groups with their own communities in participants' own languages.
- 3.4. A steering group has overseen the project. This included representatives from Brighton & Hove City Council, NHS Brighton & Hove Clinical Commissioning Group, local community and voluntary sector groups and the two universities.
- 3.5. The final project outputs are a full report, an executive summary of key findings and recommendations, and an accessible briefing showing key findings using infographics.
- 3.6. A launch event will be held at Brighton Museum in February 2018 to thank the participants and start to engage those agencies and departments who will be implementing the recommendations.

Key findings of the report

- 3.7. The report's key findings are available in the attached appendices. In addition to providing a socio-demographic description of the local migrant population, the report presents information in the following areas:
 - community attributes, networks and integration
 - access to services

- housing and homelessness
- employment, skills and adult education
- health and wellbeing
- community safety and criminal justice
- children, young people and schools
- personal finances and financial inclusion
- immigration issues and legal advice

3.8. Some broad findings are:

- A more strategic approach is needed to strengthen integration which is a two-way process.
- A history of migration can combine with aspects such as immigration status, a lack of English language skills and discrimination to create particular needs within some of our local BME populations.
- Challenges faced by all local residents (such as the lack of affordable housing) are more acute for many migrant groups. In addition there can be very high needs in particularly vulnerable groups, for example refugees.
- At the same time there are assets and skills within migrant communities that could be better used to meet these needs, for example by training and supporting more volunteer advisors within these communities.
- The implications on our migrant populations of the UK's departure from the EU remain unclear. The city must plan for uncertainty and be prepared to respond, for example, with the provision of good quality advice for EU nationals who are resident in the city. This is in the context of a current shortage of immigration legal advice across Sussex.
- There is some excellent work going on to include migrants in the life of the city. However, it was found that some migrant residents lacked confidence in services, while not all of the city's services had the skills and knowledge to work effectively with migrants and there is scope for improvement

Implementation of the recommendations

3.9. Following the endorsement of the needs assessment by the NICE Committee, the Communities, Equalities and Third Sector Team will:

- Identify which recommendations are already being taken forward through existing plans and resources
- Prioritise the remaining recommendations for implementation

3.10. In line with our findings above, the focus will be on reducing inequalities by bringing the findings of the report into mainstream statutory structures, the work of the local voluntary sector and city-wide partnerships.

3.11. At the same time the ability of migrant communities to help their members to settle successfully in the city needs to be increased.

4. ANALYSIS & CONSIDERATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

4.1. Not applicable for this report.

5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATION

- 5.1. Community engagement and consultation have been prioritised throughout this process and the methods used have been described above. Brighton & Hove Refugee & Migrant Forum will continue to meet quarterly and provides a mechanism for consultation during the implementation of the recommendations.

6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1. The report summarises the methods, findings and recommendations of International Migrants in Brighton & Hove and describes the next steps

7. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 7.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. Many recommendations can be progressed by effective joint working and service redesign within current budgets. Any work undertaken by the council as a result of the recommendations will need to be met from current budget resources or from central government funds designated for offsetting the implication of migration to local areas (such as the Controlling Migration Fund). Other opportunities for external funding could be sought in some cases. Other implications will need to be considered within the usual business planning processes of lead organisations.

Finance Officer Consulted: Mike Bentley

Date: 5/1/18

Legal Implications:

- 7.2 The report is requesting noting and endorsement of its findings. As a consequence there are no legal implications which need to be addressed.

Lawyer Consulted: Simon Court

Date: 03/1/18

Equalities Implications:

- 7.3 It is hoped that the document will provide information to assist others in carrying out EIAs on new policies and services.

Sustainability Implications:

- 7.4 The report recommends a culture of sustainability, community and a sense of place which builds on local cultural heritage. It also encourages active, sociable, meaningful lives to promote good health and well-being.

Public Health Implications:

- 7.3 Implementation of the recommendations will lead to the reduction of public health inequalities, for example by asking public services to consider ways in which vulnerable migrant groups can more easily access them. They also recommend ways in which fair employment can be obtained for migrants, using their skills and qualifications.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. International Migrants in Brighton & Hove, Jan 2018
2. International Migrants in Brighton & Hove – Summary

