

5.6 Chapter summary and key priorities for action

Priorities for action:

- *Improving the condition, quality, energy efficiency and choice of housing, particularly private sector stock, and working to reduce fuel poverty*
- *Encouraging the use of public transport and promoting walking and cycling as routine ways of travelling that will help improve residents' health and wellbeing*
- *Making cycling an easy, safe and regular method of transport throughout the borough by improvements in infrastructure and introduction of 20 mph speed limits in residential areas and delivery of Bikeability programmes in all schools*
- *Where possible upgrade or replace facilities so that there is good provision of attractive leisure facilities in the borough*
- *Promoting strong and consistent messages about the benefits of physical activity and healthy lifestyles and providing clear information about local provision e.g. through development of a single access telephone number and website*
- *Working with key organisations e.g. WHG to develop and promote joint leisure schemes*
- *Identifying a consistent set of target groups and priority geographical areas across all partner agencies*
- *Improving provision of green spaces, play and leisure facilities and promoting to residents the benefits on health and wellbeing of using these*
- *Use planning as a mechanism for improving residents' access to green spaces, health facilities, leisure opportunities and healthy food (using the 'Access to healthy food standard' – which defines the percentage of households within 20 minutes by walking, cycling or using public transport of a place where fruit and vegetables are sold)*
- *Taking into account the key role of play areas, open space and opportunities for active travel when considering planning applications for new housing developments*
- *Carrying out Health Impact Assessment on planning policies and applications*
- *Increasing the opportunity for residents to become involved in growing food sustainably*
- *Promoting the National Food Hygiene Rating Scheme to ensure that recognition is given to food businesses that comply with legal requirements*
- *Identifying health risks within existing and emerging business sectors, for example the beauty/skin piercing/laser treatment industry and ensuring appropriate interventions take place for the protection of staff and customers.*