

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Health Transformation Update

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Wards and communities affected: Key Decision: n/a Not applicable

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Purpose of Report: To provide Committee members with an explanation of items and issues to be considered as part of the health transformation update agenda item.

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 Due to the speed at which the Government's health reform agenda is moving, Health and Well-Being Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed to have a health transformation update as a standing agenda item at each of its meetings.
- 1.2 The last update was provided to the Health and Well-Being Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its reconvened meeting on the 31st January 2011. The update provided the Committee with an overview of the Government's response to the NHS White Paper consultation entitled 'Liberating the NHS: Legislative framework and next steps', and the Public Health White Paper and related documents 'Healthy Lives, Healthy People', Healthy Lives, Healthy People: Transparency in Outcomes', and 'Healthy Lives, Healthy People: consultation on the funding and commissioning routes for public health'. The documents outline proposals for health service reform.
- 1.3 It was agreed at the meeting on the 31st January, that the Health and Well-Being Overview and Scrutiny Committee would be given the chance to review and provide comments on the Council's response to the Public Health White Paper and related consultation documents. The draft response will be circulated to Committee members prior to the meeting on the 3rd March for this purpose.

1.4 Following on from the presentation given to Committee members on the 31st January, a draft report has been developed detailing the Council's new responsibilities (subject to Parliamentary approval as part of the Health and Social Care Bill 2011) and also setting out how it is recommended it prepares for the period of transition. The report will be taken to Cabinet at its meeting of the 16th March and will be circulated to the Committee for discussion and comment at its meeting on the 3rd March.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Committee:

- 2.1 Consider and comment on the Council's draft response to the Public Health White Paper and related consultation documents; and
- 2.2 Consider and comment on the report detailing the proposed changes and new responsibilities for local government brought about by health service reform, and the transitional steps being taken by the Council to manage and prepare for those changes.

3. BACKGROUND PAPERS:

Consultation on funding and commissioning routes for public health:

http://www.dh.gov.uk/prod_consum_dh/groups/dh_digitalassets/@dh/@en/documents/digitalasset/dh 123114.pdf

Consultation on public health outcomes framework:

http://www.dh.gov.uk/prod_consum_dh/groups/dh_digitalassets/@dh/@en/documents/digitalasset/dh_123113.pdf

Consultation on Public Health White Paper 'Healthy Lives, Healthy People':

http://www.dh.gov.uk/prod_consum_dh/groups/dh_digitalassets/@dh/@en/@ps/documents/digitalasset/dh_122347.pdf

Coalition Government response to NHS White Paper consultation:

http://www.dh.gov.uk/prod_consum_dh/groups/dh_digitalassets/@dh/@en/@ps/documents/digitalasset/dh_122707.pdf

4. Appendices (to follow)

- 4.1 Council's response to the Public Health White Paper and related consultation documents.
- 4.2 Report Health Transition: new responsibilities for local authorities