

## **AGENDA ITEM**

### **REPORT TO EXECUTIVE SCRUTINY**

**8 FEBRUARY 2011**

### **REPORT OF CORPORATE MANAGEMENT TEAM**

## **NHS STOCKTON-ON-TEES / HEALTH SELECT COMMITTEE WORKING AGREEMENT**

### **SUMMARY**

The Committee requested to consider and endorse the proposed working agreement between NHS Stockton-on-Tees and Health Select Committee, prior to agreement by Council.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. That the protocol be endorsed and recommended to Council for approval.

### **DETAIL**

1. As part of the continuing need to have extensive public, patient and stakeholder engagement in the delivery and design of local health services, the Health Select Committee has established a productive working relationship with Stockton's Primary Care Trust (NHS Stockton-on-Tees) over the previous years.
2. In an attempt to formalise this relationship, it is proposed to adopt a Working Agreement that sets out the principles of co-operation, and the methods of communication to be used. Similar protocols are being developed for the other three local authorities covered by NHS Tees as a whole (Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar and Cleveland).
3. Health Select Committee considered and endorsed the protocol at their meeting on 10 January 2011. Members are requested to endorse this protocol attached at **Appendix 1**.

### **FINANCIAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

#### **Financial**

4. There are no financial implications.

#### **Legal**

5. The protocol includes reference to the statutory powers in relation to health scrutiny, as contained in the NHS Act 2006.

### **RISK ASSESSMENT**

6. This report is categorised as low to medium risk. Existing management systems and daily routine activities are sufficient to control and reduce risk.

### **COMMUNITY STRATEGY IMPLICATIONS**

7. The report has implications for the theme of Healthier Communities and Adults in particular.

## CONSULTATION INCLUDING WARD/COUNCILLORS

8. The protocol has been produced in conjunction with NHS Stockton-on-Tees and was considered by Health Select Committee on 10 January.

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### Background Papers

Appendix 1 Stockton-on-Tees / Health Select Committee Working Agreement

### Ward(s) and Ward Councillors:

Not Ward Specific

### Property

None