

## AGENDA ITEM

### REPORT TO EXECUTIVE SCRUTINY

2 AUGUST 2011

### REPORT OF CORPORATE MANAGEMENT TEAM

## MEMBERSHIP OF REVISED HEALTH AND WELLBEING PARTNERSHIP

### SUMMARY

The Committee is requested to receive an update on the development of the Health and Wellbeing Board, and revised Health and Wellbeing Partnership, in order to nominate representatives to the Partnership.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Executive Scrutiny Committee is requested to nominate Members to attend the Health and Wellbeing Partnership.

### DETAIL

1. Members will be aware of the proposed NHS reforms and the increased roles and responsibilities for local government. The proposals are still before Parliament; however a main element of the reforms is for statutory Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWBs) to be established by local authorities in order to lead and co-ordinate local health and public health provision. Boards will have a minimum statutory membership consisting of directors of social care and public health, elected Members, GP commissioners, local HealthWatch, and the NHS Commissioning Board.
2. The proposed arrangements for the operation of the Health and Wellbeing Board in Stockton-on-Tees were agreed by Council at its meeting of 29 June 2011 (relevant Cabinet report is at **Appendix 1**). In addition to the Board, it was agreed to develop a revised Health and Wellbeing Partnership in order to engage with a wider range of stakeholders and to support the work of the Board. The arrangements are subject to any significant changes emanating from the parliamentary process. It is also proposed to undertake an evaluation of the local arrangements in 9-12 months time.
3. Council agreed the proposed Terms of Reference and membership for both the Board and new Partnership. The proposals make provision for members of scrutiny committees to be represented on the Partnership.
4. Executive Scrutiny Committee are requested to nominate representatives to sit on the Partnership. It is suggested that four places are allocated and that these be the following Members:
  - Chair of Health Select Committee
  - Chair of Corporate, Adult Services, and Social Inclusion Select Committee
  - Chair of Children and Young People Select Committee
  - Chair of Executive Scrutiny Committee

5. For the meeting of the Committee on 27 September, the Assistant Director for Health Improvement has been invited to attend in order to brief Members on the arrangements in more detail, and with particular regard to the role of the Board and Partnership, and the links to scrutiny.

## **FINANCIAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

### **Financial**

6. The recommendation has no direct financial implications.

### **Legal**

7. The Health and Social Care Bill has recently been subject to further consultation, and continues to be debated in Parliament. It includes provisions for the establishment of Health and Wellbeing Boards by relevant local authorities in order to co-ordinate local health and social care services, including through the development of Joint Strategic Needs Assessments, production of a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy, and assessment of clinical commissioning plans. The Board will have statutory responsibilities to undertake in this regard.
8. Although the Bill has not yet received Royal Assent, Stockton Council and partners are continuing to progress the main proposals in order to maintain momentum, and any changes in the final version of the legislation will be made as appropriate.

## **RISK ASSESSMENT**

9. The proposals in relation to the Health and Wellbeing Partnership are categorised as low to medium risk. Existing management systems and daily routine activities are sufficient to control and reduce risk.

## **COMMUNITY STRATEGY IMPLICATIONS**

10. The Health and Wellbeing Board, and the supporting Partnership will be responsible for developing a strategy to improve public health outcomes in the Borough, and for co-ordinating health and social care provision. These will be in line with the Community Strategy objectives.
11. The proposed membership of the Health and Wellbeing Partnership contains community safety partners including police, fire brigade and prison service representatives.

## **CONSULTATION INCLUDING WARD/COUNCILLORS**

12. Consultation undertaken into the development of the overall proposals for the Board and Partnership is detailed in **Appendix 1**.

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Background Papers

The relevant report to Cabinet of 16 June 2011 summarising the development of the HWB is attached at **Appendix 1**.

Ward(s) and Ward Councillors:

Property

None