

APPOINTMENT OF HEALTH CHAMPION: HEALTH COMMITTEE PROPOSAL

Economy and Environment Committee

Meeting Date: **16th September 2014**

From: **Director of Public Health**

Electoral division(s): **all**

Forward Plan ref: **Not applicable** *Key decision:* **No**

Purpose: **To consider the appointment of a health champion**

Recommendation: **The Committee is asked to appoint a health champion to promote joined up working on transport issues between the Economy and Environment Committee, Highways and Community Infrastructure Committee, the Health Committee and Public Health.**

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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Health Committee has authority to oversee and undertake the Council's functions relating to the public health duty of the Council including health improvement, individual and community wellbeing and the reduction of health inequalities, and to assist the Director of Public Health in the exercise of the public health statutory duties. The Committee is also responsible for the Council's scrutiny of the health service.

2. MAIN ISSUES

- 2.1 When discussing its priorities and work programme for 2014/15, the Committee identified the following issues
- Access to hospitals and other health services, particularly in relation to specialised services, and access from rural and some outlying urban parts of the County
 - The need for a more integrated and inter-agency approach to transport – including making better use of resources, reducing gaps in provision, reducing road accidents, and encouraging walking and cycling.

The Committee identified that resolving these issues required close working between public health, the Health Committee, Economy and Environment and Highways and Community Infrastructure Committees.

At its meeting on 10th July 2014, the Committee therefore resolved to encourage the Economy and Environment Committee to appoint a health champion who would promote joined up working on transport issues.

The Committee has also set up a working group to support closer working between the Committees on transport issues.

3. ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE PRIORITIES

Report authors should evaluate the proposal(s) in light of their alignment with the following three Corporate Priorities.

3.1 Developing the local economy for the benefit of all

There are no significant implications for this priority.

3.2 Helping people live healthy and independent lives

Closer working on transport issues will support this priority

3.3 Supporting and protecting vulnerable people

Closer working on transport issues will support this priority

4. SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Resource Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

4.2 Statutory, Risk and Legal Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

4.3 Equality and Diversity Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

4.4 Engagement and Consultation Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

4.5 Localism and Local Member Involvement

There are no significant implications within this category.

4.6 Public Health Implications

Closer working on transport issues should contribute to improved health and wellbeing by improving access to health services

Source Documents	Location
Health Committee: Report and Minutes 10 th July 2014	Democratic Services, Rm 114, Shire Hall www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk