

HEALTH COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP UPDATE

To: **HEALTH COMMITTEE**

Meeting Date: **14th December 2017**

From **Head of Public Health Business Programmes**

Electoral division(s): **All**

Forward Plan ref: **Not applicable**

Purpose: **To inform the Committee of the activities and progress of the Committee's working groups since the last update.**

Recommendation: **The Health Committee is asked to:**

1) To note and endorse the progress made on the Health Committee Task and Finish groups.

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1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 At the Health Committee meeting held on 14th December 2017, members of the Health Committee agreed the establishment of two task and finish groups to move forward some of the ongoing actions on the committee action log.
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to inform the Committee of progress made under each of these groups. The “Healthy Schools Procurement” task and finish group has been rescheduled and will now be meeting on 23rd January 2018. An update report from this group will be provided at the next Health Committee meeting.
- 1.3 The “Air Quality Conference” task and finish group met on 10th January 2018 and details of the progress are noted below.
- 1.4 A programme of liaison groups with commissioners and provider of NHS service are being established for the forthcoming year. The next liaison meeting is scheduled with Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) 25th January 2018.

2. MAIN ISSUES

2.2 Air Quality Conference Task & Finish Group

Councillors Dupre and Jones met with Stuart Keeble (Consultant in Public Health) and Iain Green (Senior Public Health Manager) on 10th January 2018.

Members received a short update on progress since the last health committee to frame the discussion on the air quality event.

- The Annual status reports will be available on the revised Cambridgeshire Insight website which is due to launch soon. The website will also contain links to more timely air quality data, but at this stage it is not known whether this is local or national data.
 - Public Health attended the last meeting of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Pollution Group and raised the idea of an air quality event which was supported – members suggested that this group should be involved in the planning of the event.
 - Air Quality training will be commissioned by Public health for Transport Planning officers in Cambridgeshire County and Peterborough City Council, members would like to see this training rolled out to Strategic Planning officers, it was confirmed that this was the longer term plan.
- 2.3 The task and finish group agreed to meet 1-2 times in order to give a steer to officers planning the event and that members of the EE and HCI committee should be invited to attend the next meeting and to contribute to the event programme.

2.4 The scope of the event was agreed as follows:

- The focus of the event should be on raising the visibility, status and importance of air quality and to build links between groups and stakeholders on Air Quality
- The event should cover Cambridgeshire and Peterborough
- Outcomes from the event should include:
 - Bringing together different stakeholders who are interested in and/or responsible for air quality in Cambridgeshire.
 - Develop a shared understanding amongst attendees of the role they all have to play in addressing air quality
 - Identify actions we could take as a local system

2.5 The content of the event would be framed through presentations and group work to produce a set of actions, items to discuss;

- The links between air quality and health
- The legislative framework and monitoring – who is responsible for what?
- What is the current situation in Cambridgeshire
- Opportunities for local action

2.6 The proposed timing of the event was agreed to be held the week commencing 17th June to tie in with Clean Air Day on the 21st June. It was suggested that this was a half day event to allow for networking and access to the venue via public transport.

3.0 SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS

3.1 Resource Implications

Working group activities will involve staff resources in the Council that are subject to scrutiny.

3.2 Statutory, Risk and Legal Implications

These are outlined in a paper on the Health Committee powers and duties, which was considered by the Committee on 29th May 2014

3.3 Equality and Diversity Implications

There are likely to be equality and diversity issues to be considered within the remit of the working groups.

3.4 Engagement and Consultation Implications

There are likely to be engagement and consultation issues to be considered within the remit of the working groups.

3.5 Localism and Local Member Involvement

There may be relevant issues arising from the activities of the working groups.

3.6 Public Health Implications

Working groups will report back on any public health implications identified.

