

HEALTH COMMITTEE WORKPLAN, PRIORITIES AND TRAINING PROGRAMME

To: Health Committee

Meeting Date: 16th July 2015

From: Director of Public Health

Electoral division(s): All

Forward Plan ref:

***Key decision:* No**

Purpose: To note the update and progress made on the Health Committee work plan and input into the training programme

Recommendation: The committee is asked :-

a) to agree the content of the work plan and approach and note the progress made

b) to agree additional items to be included in the committees training programme

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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The 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 set out in
- the Health and Social Care Act 2012
 - the NHS Bodies and Local Authorities (Partnership Arrangements, Care Trusts, Public Health and Local Healthwatch) Regulations 2012 and other relevant legislation
- 1.2 The Committee may scrutinise any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of the health services in Cambridgeshire, and make recommendations. The organisations responsible for commissioning and/or providing these services must provide information and attend the Committee requests them to do so. They must respond to any recommendations the Committee makes, stating the reasons if they do not accept any recommendation
- 1.3. The purpose of this paper is to provide members with an update on the progress made against the Health Committee work programme and priority areas. The Health Committee members have identified three priority areas within the work plan which are:
- Mental Health,
 - Health Inequalities
 - Transport and Health

In addition to these priorities general topics for further investigation, scrutiny or information have been identified over the past year.

- 1.4 The Health Committee is also required to develop a training programme that will support members in their role within the Health Committee but also their additional role of Health Scrutiny.

2. MAIN ISSUES

- 2.1 An update on the progress made against the Health Committee's identified priorities is provided in Appendix A.
- 2.2 To support the Health Committee members undertake their duties from both the public health service committee and health scrutiny responsibilities a training programme for members is being developed (see Appendix B).

3. ALIGNMENT WITH 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

The work plan will address this area and may result in positively impacting on this priority (See Appendix A)

3.3 Supporting and protecting vulnerable people

The work plan will address this area and may result in positively impacting on this priority. (See Appendix A).

4. SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Resource Implications

Work plan activities will involve staff resources in both the Council and in the NHS organisations that are subject to scrutiny.

4.2 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

4.3 Equality and Diversity Implications

There are likely to be equality and diversity issues to be considered within the remit of the work plan and priority areas.

4.4 Engagement and Consultation Implications

There are likely to be engagement and consultation issues to be considered within the remit of the work plan.

4.5 Localism and Local Member Involvement

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

4.6 Public Health Implications

The outcomes from the work plan and activities of the working groups are likely to impact on public health.

Source Documents	Location
None	