

**HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL
14 JUNE 2012**

**WORKING GROUPS UPDATE REPORT
Assistant Chief Executive**

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report provides an update on the Working Groups of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **That the Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel notes the progress achieved to date by the Panel's Working Groups.**

3 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Health Reforms

- 3.1 The Working Group comprises Councillors Finch (Lead Member), Mrs Angell, and Virgo. It has been formed to monitor the implementation of the major changes from the 2010 NHS White Paper and the Health and Social Care Bill, with a particular focus on the transfer of public health responsibilities to the Council. The Working Group has held two meetings to date, most recently on 17 November 2011. The Group decided to suspend further meetings of the Working Group until the legislative changes became known. Following enactment of the Health and Social Care Act, a further meeting of the Working Group has been arranged for 7 June.

Health and Well Being Strategy

- 3.2 The Working Group comprises Councillors Virgo (Lead Member), Baily, Finch, and Mrs Temperton; and Mr Pearce. It has been formed to make an input to the Council's statutory 'Health and Well Being' strategy, and to monitor the creation of the Health and Well Being Board. The Working Group has held two meetings to date, most recently on 6 December 2011. The Group are due to meet next on 6 June, to further engage in the development of the new Health and Well Being Strategy.

'Shaping the Future' of Health Services in East Berkshire

- 3.3 The Chairman has decided to form a Working Group to consider the forthcoming major consultation by NHS Berkshire (Primary Care Trust) and Heatherwood & Wexham Park Hospitals Trust on 'Shaping the Future'. This is aimed at reconfiguring healthcare services in response to the changing national and local clinical priorities. The planned timetable for the consultation has been deferred by the NHS, and the Working Group has not yet been formed. Meanwhile, the Chairman and Vice Chairman have continued informal discussions with the Chairmen of the Health Scrutiny Committees for Buckinghamshire County Council, Slough BC, and RB Windsor & Maidenhead, the PCT and Heatherwood and Wexham Park Hospitals Trust on developments.

Unrestricted

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED/ ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS/ EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT/ STRATEGIC RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES / OTHER OFFICERS/ CONSULTATION – Not applicable

Background Papers

None

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