

**HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL
27 SEPTEMBER 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 RECOMMENDATION

- 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 three meetings to date, most recently on 7 June 2012. A further, possibly final meeting of the Working Group has been arranged for 12 October.

Health and Wellbeing 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 Wellbeing' strategy, and to monitor the creation of the Health and Wellbeing Board. The Working Group has held four meetings to date, most recently on 29 August 2012. Further meetings of the Group will be arranged, to maintain engagement in the development of the new Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

'Shaping the Future' of Health Services in East Berkshire

- 3.3 A Working Group is planned 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. This has included responding to the pre-consultation document (see item 10 on the Panel's agenda).

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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