

**HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL
11 JULY 2013**

**HEALTH REFORMS - IMPLEMENTATION
Assistant Chief Executive**

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide the Health Overview and Scrutiny (O&S) Panel with a progress briefing on establishing:
- the Public Health function in the Council
 - Local Healthwatch.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel:

- 2.1 Notes the attached reports to the Health and Wellbeing Board providing an update on Public Health and on progress in establishing Local Healthwatch.**

3 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 The Work Programme for the Health O&S Panel for 2013/14 includes monitoring the implementation of the major changes from the 2012 Health and Social Care Act. The most significant changes include the transfer of the Public Health responsibilities from the NHS to the Council, also the creation of Local Healthwatch from April 2013.
- 3.2 The attached reports are due to be considered by the Health and Wellbeing Board at its meeting on 4 July.

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

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