

TO: **HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**  
**11 APRIL 2013**

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**LOCAL INVOLVEMENT NETWORK (LINK) ANNUAL REPORT**  
**Director of Adult Social Care, Health and Housing**

**1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To formally receive the Annual Report and Accounts (Annex 1) in accordance with the statutory requirements and agree arrangements for making it publicly available by the statutory deadline.

**2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

**That the Board members**

- 2.1 **Receive the report**
- 2.2 **Agrees Local Healthwatch Bracknell Forest should, by 30 June 2013:**
- a. **Make the report publicly available on the Local Healthwatch Bracknell Forest website**
  - b. **Distribute the report to recipients as outlined in the body of the report**

**3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (as amended by The NHS Bodies and Local Authorities (Partnership Arrangements, Care Trusts, Public Health and Local Healthwatch) Regulations 2012) requires LINKs to make publicly available an annual report and accounts and distribute it to Bracknell Forest Council, the health overview and scrutiny committee, the Bracknell Forest and Ascot Clinical Commissioning Group, the Secretary of State for Health and Healthwatch England by 30 June 2013.

**4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 4.1 None. The preparation and distribution of the report is a legal requirement.

**5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 5.1 The report complies with the "Directions on Matters to be Addressed in Local Involvement Network Annual Reports 2008" and the later Department of Health Guidance on "Changes to LINK annual reports 2012-13" and sets out:
- contact details for the LINK
  - financial information
  - names of individuals who have been authorised representatives and/or involved in making relevant decisions
  - summary of activity detailing requests for information, enter and view, reports and recommendations and referrals to overview and scrutiny

- outline of LINK legacy

## **6 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS**

### Borough Solicitor

6.1 Not sought.

### Borough Treasurer

6.2 Not sought.

### Background Papers

Annex 1 – Annual Report

Directions on Matters to be Addressed in Local Involvement Network Annual Reports 2008

Changes to LINK annual reports 2012-13

### Contact for further information

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