

18 May 2015

Agenda Item: 7

## **JOINT REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE AND CHAIR OF HEALTHWATCH NOTTINGHAMSHIRE**

### **PROTOCOL FOR RELATIONS BETWEEN HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD, HEALTHWATCH AND HEALTH SCRUTINY**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To approve a protocol which sets out the relationships between the Health and Wellbeing Board, Healthwatch Nottinghamshire and the health scrutiny committees.

#### **Information and Advice**

2. Health and Wellbeing Board, Healthwatch and health scrutiny committees have complementary but distinct roles in securing better health and wellbeing. With the intention of avoiding overlap and duplication, a protocol has been drawn up to describe their respective roles and responsibilities (Appendix 1).
3. There are two health scrutiny committees, the County Council's Health Scrutiny Committee, which scrutinises health matters in the County Council's area, and the Joint City/County Health Scrutiny Committee, which scrutinises health matters which impact on both City and County residents.
4. Department of Health guidance (see background papers below) has clarified that the Health and Wellbeing Boards are subject to scrutiny by health scrutiny committees.
5. The protocol sets out the respective roles of the Board, Healthwatch and health scrutiny and the scope for referring issues and information between the organisations. Details of the relationship between the Public Health Committee and Health Scrutiny will be set out separately.

#### **Other Options Considered**

6. None.

#### **Reason/s for Recommendation/s**

7. To clarify relations between the Board, Healthwatch and health scrutiny.

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

8. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

- 1) That approval be given to the protocol between the Health and Wellbeing Board, Healthwatch Nottinghamshire and health scrutiny.

**Councillor Colleen Harwood**  
**Chair of Health Scrutiny Committee**

**Joe Pidgeon**  
**Chair of Healthwatch Nottinghamshire**

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## **Background Papers and Published Documents**

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

Department of Health Guidance, June 2014: Local Authority Health Scrutiny: Guidance to support Local Authorities and their partners to deliver effective health scrutiny

## **Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

All