

**29 September 2014****Agenda Item: 6**

## **REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

### **HEALTHWATCH ANNUAL REPORT**

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

1. To introduce Healthwatch's annual report and business plan.

#### **Information and Advice**

2. Members will recall that Healthwatch is the independent consumer champion created to gather and represent the views of the public on their health and social care services. Healthwatch is playing a role at both national and local level, and is making sure that the views of the public and people who use the services are taken into account.
3. Healthwatch aims to:
  - Gather first-hand experiences of local residents and make recommendations to local providers
  - Consult with the public about proposed changes and influence future designs
  - Work in partnership with local statutory and voluntary groups to represent the views of the wider community and minority groups
  - Ensure proper representation of Nottinghamshire's diversity
  - Act as a hub for information at local and national level
4. Mr Joe Pidgeon of Healthwatch Nottinghamshire will be on hand to formally present Healthwatch's Annual Report and to introduce the Healthwatch Business Plan. The Annual Report is attached to this report as Appendix 1 and the Healthwatch Nottinghamshire Business Plan for 2014-16 is Appendix 2.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Health Scrutiny Committee:

- 1) Consider and comment on the information provided.
- 2) Schedule further consideration of the work of Healthwatch Nottinghamshire, as necessary

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

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**Background Papers**

Nil

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

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