



REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT PLAN 2015/16

Purpose of the Report

1. The report presents the Public Health Department Plan for 2015-16 for approval by the Committee and seeks Committee agreement to receive monitoring reports on progress against the plan in due course.

Background

2. The Public Health department has an annual plan which sets out overall direction for its work and highlights key activities and actions to be undertaken. The plan is subject to Committee approval.
3. The Committee also receives bi-annual updates on progress in implementing the plan, to ensure that progress is tracked and monitored.
4. The plan is supported by detailed targets for each activity, which are monitored and linked to the Public Health Outcomes Framework. This will ensure that Public Health continue to deliver health improvement outcomes for local people. Performance against detailed targets is reported to the Public Health Committee separately in the quarterly contracts and performance reports. Progress reports in respect of the Department Plan implementation concentrate on identified activities and whether they have been completed.

2015-16 Department Plan

5. The 2015/16 plan is attached for consideration. As reported to Committee in July 2015, the preparation of the plan was delayed owing to the need to ensure it took account of other decisions of the Council, specifically proposals for implementation of Redefining Your Council due to be considered by Policy Committee in July.
6. The Public Health Department Plan takes account of the statutory responsibilities, contractual obligations and wider strategic requirements of the County Council. It reflects other decisions of the Public Health Committee setting strategy and direction for the work of Public Health, the County Council's budget consultation and setting process, and the Procurement Plan that was approved by the Committee on 12 May 2015.
7. The proposed Public Health Department Plan is presented in Appendix One. It has been developed in conjunction with the individual policy leads to include key priorities. These are summarised under the following headings:

- Improving efficiency and quality in commissioned services
 - Exploring new opportunities to improve health
 - Embedding Public Health leadership and oversight
 - Developing and making maximum use of Public Health skills
8. If approved, the actions contained within the 2015/16 Department Plan will be monitored using local performance information linked to Public Health Outcomes Framework. Progress reports on the actions contained in the plan will be brought to Committee to ensure that the implementation of the plan is overseen.

Other Options Considered

9. Consideration was given to not putting in place a Department Plan for 2015-16, in the light of forthcoming structural changes within the County Council. However, this option was rejected as it would not provide a monitoring framework for the activities of the department in the interim. Instead, the structural changes, e.g. transfer of the Public Health function to the Adult Social Care and Health Department, have been included as actions within the plan, within the Resources section.

Reason for Recommendation

10. The Department Plan for 2015/16 will provide overall direction for the department and enable progress to be monitored.

Statutory and Policy Implications

11. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (Public Health only), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

12. There are no direct financial implications for this report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Public Health Committee is requested to:

1. Approve the Public Health Department Plan for 2015 -16
2. Agree to receive monitoring reports on progress against the plan in due course.

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Financial Comments (DG 11/08/15)

13. Financial implications are included in paragraph 12.

Constitutional Comments (SLB 11/08/15)

14. Public Health Committee is the appropriate body to consider the content of this report.

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.

Report to Public Health Committee, 3 July 2014, Public Health Department Plan

Report to Public Health Committee, 12 March 2015, Public Health Department Plan 2014 -15 – Progress Report

Report to Public Health Committee, 2 July 2015, Public Health Department Plan progress report 2014/15 and update on preparation of 2015/16 plan

Electoral Divisions and Members Affected

All