

ARTICLE NO: 3C

CORPORATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:

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Article of: Assistant Director Community Services

Relevant Managing Director: Managing Director (People and Places)

Relevant Portfolio Holder: Councillor D Sudworth

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SUBJECT: FORMAL CONSULTATION – DELIVERING THE PUBLIC HEALTH REFORMS IN LANCASHIRE

Wards affected: Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF ARTICLE

1.1 To advise Members of the formal response made on behalf of West Lancashire Borough Council.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Borough Council was advised, at the end of February, of formal proposals for 'Public Health Lancashire' as part of the reforms arising out of the transfer of responsibility for public health from PCT's to the County Council, subject to the passage of the Health & Social Care Bill.
- 2.2 The proposals related to the functions that LCC will undertake, together with some timescales for implementation.
- 2.3 Unfortunately, due to the relatively short deadline involved, there was no opportunity to go to Cabinet before submitting comments. I therefore formulated the Response in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, (attached as Appendix A) having first given all Members the opportunity to comment on the proposals.

3.0 CURRENT POSITION

3.1 The Response was sent to the Local Director of Public Health for the Transition, at the Public Health Network, on the 20th March, thereby meeting the deadline of 22nd March.

4.0 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS/COMMUNITY STRATEGY

4.1 There are no significant sustainability impacts associated with this Article and, in particular, no significant impact on crime and disorder, but does have clear potential implications for the health of our community.

5.0 FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no significant financial or resource implications arising from this Article.

6.0 RISK ASSESSMENT

6.1 This item is for information only and makes no recommendations. It therefore does not require a formal risk assessment and no changes have been made to risk registers as a result of this Article.

Background Documents

The following background documents (as defined in Section 100D (5) of the Local Government Act 1972) have been relied on to a material extent in preparing this Article.

<u>Date</u>

Document

21st February 2012 Formal Consultation – Delivering the Public Health Reforms in Lancashire

Equality Impact Assessment

The decision does not have any direct impact on members of the public, employees, elected members and / or stakeholders. Therefore no Equality Impact Assessment is required.

Appendices

1. Formal Response to the Consultation on Delivering the Public Health Reforms in Lancashire