

## Bath & North East Somerset Council

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| MEETING  | <b>Wellbeing Policy Development &amp; Scrutiny Panel</b> |  |
| MEETING DATE:                                  | <b>21 March 2014</b>                                     |  |
| TITLE:   | <b>Public Health "Direction of Travel"</b>               |  |
| WARD:  | All  |  |
| <b>AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM</b>                     |  |  |
| <b>List of attachments to this report: Nil</b> |  |  |

### 1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 The Director of Public health has been invited to attend the Wellbeing Policy Development and Scrutiny (PDS) Panel to discuss the "direction of travel" for public health over the next few years, now that it is embedded within the Council.

### 2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 Proposal 1 That the panel notes the contents of the presentation, endorses the general approach of the DPH and his team, and comments on any areas for further consideration.

### 3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

- 3.1 The public health team has a ring-fenced budget at least for two further years, which it will work within, and there is an agreed staffing level. No further resources are sought, although the DPH would aim to influence planning and therefore resource allocation across any parts of the council whose activities impact on the health and wellbeing of the public.

### 4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS AND BASIS FOR PROPOSAL

- 4.1 The statutory and non-statutory duties and responsibilities of the Director of public health are laid out in guidance that can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/role-of-the-director-of-public-health-in-local-authorities>

The panel is not being asked to decide on any specific policy of programme so no legal questions arise at this time.

## 5 THE REPORT

5.1 No report is attached but copies of the presentation are available to the panel.

## 6 RATIONALE

6.1 The public health team's work is affected by many different "drivers" and the presentation identifies these and their effects.

## 7 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

## 8 CONSULTATION

8.1 This presentation was prepared with input from the Council's public health team. Public health intentions have been developed based on a variety of consultation processes including that around the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and discussions with other council departments and partners in other sectors, particularly the NHS.

## 9 RISK MANAGEMENT

9.1 A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance.

9.2 A public health risk register has been prepared and submitted to the council's risk management team.

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| <b>Background papers</b>   | <i>Health and Wellbeing Strategy: on Council website</i><br><i>Joint Strategic Needs Assessment: on Council website</i><br><i>Public Health commissioning intentions: on request from DPH</i><br><i>Public Health service action plan: on request from DPH</i><br><i>Role of DPH in local government:</i><br><a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/role-of-the-director-of-public-health-in-local-authorities">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/role-of-the-director-of-public-health-in-local-authorities</a> |
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