

## WEST KENT HEALTH INTEGRATION UPDATE

Health Liaison Board - 27 September 2016

Report of Chief Officer Communities & Business

Status: For Information

Key Decision: No

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**Executive Summary:** To update Members on the work being undertaken to provide a co-ordinated approach to health integration between Kent County Council and district and borough councils in West Kent.

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**This report supports the Key Aim of** reducing health inequalities and improving health and wellbeing

**Portfolio Holder** Cllr. Michelle Lowe

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**Recommendation to Housing And Health Advisory Committee:** That the report be noted.

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### Reason for recommendation:

This Council is working with neighbouring West Kent councils to co-ordinate ideas and suggestions for a more co-ordinated approach to deliver targeted public health integrated services in partnership with Kent County Council' Public Health Team.

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### Introduction and Background

- 1 This Council works with key partners including Kent Public Health Team, GP Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs), local health and social care providers and the voluntary sector to meet the Healthy Environment priorities within the Community Plan to reduce health inequalities and improve the health and wellbeing of residents.
- 2 This Council's frontline services, public assets and local partnerships have a unique and multi-dimensional role in improving health outcomes across the wider determinants of health, health improvement and health protection with local communities.
- 3 Over the last six years, this Council has been commissioned by Public Health, which is now the responsibility of Kent County Council, to deliver a range of health and wellbeing preventative programmes.

- 4 Officers have been working with the Portfolio Holder on a Health District Deal which will outline possible future working arrangements with Kent County Council to deliver locally based health prevention and improvement services as part of a partnership agreement.

### **West Kent Health Integration**

- 5 Following discussions regarding working more closely on a West Kent basis, Officers have been working on ideas and suggestions that might enable a more co-ordinated approach between Kent County Council's Public Health Team and district and borough councils going forward.
- 6 This work is ongoing and a report will be drafted for Cabinet and Council later in the year. In the meantime, the Chief Officer Communities & Business will give a verbal presentation to this Advisory Committee.
- 7 Members will be updated at the meeting with a presentation on this work.

### **Key Implications**

#### Financial

- 8 There are no financial implications for the Council associated to this report.

#### Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement.

- 9 There are no legal implications for the Council associated to this report.

#### Equality Assessment

- 10 No decision is required as part of this paper and therefore no perceived impact on end users.

### **Conclusions**

- 11 To update Members on the work of Officers to co-ordinate ideas and suggestions for a more co-ordinated approach to deliver targeted health integrated services in partnership with Kent County Council' Public Health Team and neighbouring West Kent councils.

**Background Papers:** None

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