

<b>Mayor And Cabinet</b>			
<b>Report Title</b>	Matters Raised by Scrutiny - Comments of the Healthier Communities Select Committee on the Public health priorities for expenditure in 2014/15		
<b>Key Decision</b>	No	<b>Item No.</b>	
<b>Ward</b>	All		
<b>Contributors</b>	Healthier Communities Committee		
<b>Class</b>	Part 1	<b>Date</b>	9 April 2014

## **1. Summary**

- 1.1 This report informs the Mayor and Cabinet of the comments and views of the Healthier Communities Select Committee, arising from discussions held on the officer report entitled *Public Health priorities for expenditure in 2014/15*, considered at its meeting on 18 March 2014.

## **2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 The Mayor is recommended to note the views of the Healthier Communities Select Committee as set out in section 3 of this referral and agree that the Executive Director for Community Services be asked to prepare a response.

## **3. Healthier Communities Select Committee views**

- 3.1 The Select Committee endorsed the additional spending suggested for the school nursing programme. However, the Committee recommends that appropriate outcome measurements are established, so that the social and economic value of this investment in the service can be evaluated in the future.
- 3.2 The Committee further notes its concern that there is not always sufficient focus on measuring the outcomes of investment in services in relation to health prevention activities and social care, to enable appropriate analysis of the value of investment in specific services. The Committee recommends that a stronger focus on measuring outcomes should be developed; to ensure that effectiveness as well as social and economic value is achieved.

## **4. Financial Implications**

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising out of this report per se; but there are financial implications arising from carrying out the action proposed by the Committee.

## **5. Legal Implications**

- 5.1 The Constitution provides for Select Committees to refer reports to the Mayor and Cabinet, who are obliged to consider the report and the proposed response from

the relevant Executive Director; and report back to the Committee within two months (not including recess).

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Public Health priorities for expenditure in 2014/15 – Officer report to Healthier Communities Select Committee (18.03.13)

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