

Public Health Working Group			
Title	Draft report and recommendations	Item No.	3
Contributors	Interim Overview and Scrutiny Manager		
Class	Part 1	Date	13 January 2015

1. Purpose of paper

- 1.1 At its meeting on 26 November 2014, Council agreed to set up a time limited Public Health Working Group to operate until the end of February 2015 to consider the proposals to change public health services being proposed as part of the Council's budget process for 2015/16.
- 1.2 The draft final report attached at Appendix 1 presents the evidence received by the working group. Members of the working group are asked to agree the report and suggest recommendations for submission to Mayor and Cabinet, via the Public Accounts Select Committee.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 Members of the working group are asked to:
 - Agree the draft report
 - Consider any recommendations the report should make
 - Note that the final report, including the recommendations agreed at this meeting, will be presented to the Public Accounts Select Committee on 5 February 2015.

3. The report and recommendations

- 3.1 The draft report attached at **Appendix 1** (to follow) presents the written and verbal evidence received by the working group.
- 3.2 At the meeting held on 15 December 2014, the working group requested that further information be provided to them on the public health budget; on the level of funding provided by Lewisham to the advice sector; on how residents will get advice, including specialist debt advice, from April 2015; and on the results of the consultation with the Lewisham Clinical Commissioning Group on the public health savings proposals. This information will be provided prior to, or at, the working group meeting on 13 January 2015 and incorporated into the draft report prior to its submission to the Public Accounts Select Committee on 5 February 2015. The Chair's introduction and executive

summary will also be inserted prior to the report's submission to the Public Accounts Select Committee, once the working group's recommendations have been agreed.

4. Legal implications

- 4.1 The report will be submitted to the Public Accounts Select Committee on 5 February 2015 and forwarded on to Mayor and Cabinet on 11 February 2015. Mayor and Cabinet holds the decision making powers in respect of this matter.

5. Financial implications

- 5.1 There are no direct financial implications arising out of this report. However, the financial implications of any specific recommendations will need to be considered in due course.

6. Equalities implications

- 6.1 There are no direct equalities implications arising this report. However, the equalities implications of any specific recommendations will need to be considered in due course. The Council works to eliminate unlawful discrimination and harassment, promote equality of opportunity and good relations between different groups in the community and to recognise and to take account of people's differences.

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