

Healthier Communities Select Committee		
Report Title	Public health savings consultation	
Ward	All	Item No. 5
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1. Summary and Purpose of the Report

The purpose of this report is to ask the Healthier Communities Select Committee (The Committee) to review the report attached as Appendix 1 for Mayor & Cabinet on July 13th 2016.

The report in Appendix 1 outlines a range of consultation activity for proposals to realise savings agreed by Mayor and Cabinet on September 30th 2015, and to balance the reduction to the Public Health grant announced in the 2015 spending review.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The Committee is recommended to review, note and comment upon the consultation plans relating to health visiting and school nursing, preventative health, sexual health and substance misuse services in the report attached as Appendix 1.

3. Legal Implications

- 3.1 The Health and Social Care Act 2012 (“the Act”) sets out the Council’s statutory responsibilities for public health services. The Act conferred new duties on the Council to improve public health. The Council has a duty to take such steps as it considers appropriate for improving the health of people in its area.
- 3.2 Under the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 (“the Regulations”), where the Council has under consideration any proposal for a substantial development of health services or substantial variation in the provision of such service the Council must consult. This applies only to the 0 – 19 services.
- 3.3 The Healthier Communities Select Committee has the scrutiny function under the Regulations. The Committee may review and scrutinise any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of the health service in its area. The Committee may make reports or recommendations which must include an explanation of the matter reviewed or scrutinised, a summary of the evidence considered, a list of participants in the review and scrutiny and an explanation of any recommendations on the matter reviewed or scrutinised. Where a request for a response is required, the Council must respond within 28 days of the request.
- 3.4 Following consultation, the Committee may refer to the Secretary of State where it is not satisfied that consultation on a proposal has been adequate in relation to content or time allowed; where the Committee is not satisfied that the reasons given by the Council are adequate; or where the Committee considers that the proposal would not be in the interests of the health service in its area.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 The financial implications are as laid out in section 8 of the report attached as appendix 1

5. Crime and Disorder Act Implications

- 5.1 The Crime and Disorder act implications are as laid out in section 10 of the report attached as appendix 1

6. Equalities Implications and human rights

- 6.1 The equalities and human rights implications are as laid out in section 11 of the report attached as appendix 1

7. Environmental Implications

- 7.1 There are no environmental implications.

8. Conclusion

- 8.1 This report attached as Appendix 1 lays out a range of consultation activity on proposals to realise the savings agreed by Mayor & Cabinet on September 30th 2015, and to balance the reduction to the Public Health grant announced in the 2015 spending review. The report seeks Mayor & Cabinet approval to conduct this consultation activity.
- 8.2 The Committee is recommended to review, note and comment upon the consultation plans relating to health visiting and school nursing, preventative health, sexual health and substance misuse services in the report attached as Appendix 1.
- 8.2 Consultation will be carried out in the different areas as laid out in the report attached as Appendix 1, and the outcomes will be reported to the Healthier Communities Select Committee on the 13th of September 2016 before proposals are taken to Mayor & Cabinet 28th September 2016.