

**Tyne Port Health Authority  
Report to the Joint Board  
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**Subject:** Association of Port Health Authorities Annual Conference

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**PART 1**

**1.1 Purpose:**

The purpose of this report is to inform the Joint Board of a decision by the Association of Port Health Authorities (APHA) about future annual conference arrangements and the impact of this on the Authorities consideration of hosting conference in 2017.

**1.2 Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Joint Board note the report.

**2.0 Information**

At the last Joint Board meeting on 6 October 2015, it was resolved that a report be presented to the next meeting to consider a request from APHA for the Authority to host the APHA Annual Conference in 2017.

Since that decision, there has been a meeting of the APHA Executive when the future of APHA conferences was discussed. The Executive recognised that few other professional bodies still held annual conferences running over a number of days and that shorter formats were now the norm. It was therefore decided that following this years scheduled conference in Southampton, conferences would only be held every two years. The length and format of futures conferences would also be reviewed and it is expected that there will be much shorter conference programmes from 2018 onwards.

APHA had sought confirmation from Tyne Port Health Authority that it would be willing to host the 2017 conference, after which a formal nomination process would have ensued. APHA is still interested in the Authority hosting a future conference but the nomination process for the 2018 conference will not commence until late 2017.

There is therefore no need to reach any decision at this time and it is recommended that the changes are noted and a report on hosting conference is presented to the appropriate future meeting for consideration.

### **3.0 Decision Options**

The Joint Board is recommended to note the information.

### **4.0 Appendices:**

None

### **5.0 Contact Officers:**

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### **6.0 Background Information:**

There are no relevant background papers.

## **PART 2 – COMPLIANCE WITH PRINCIPLES OF DECISION MAKING**

### **1.0 Finance and Other Resources:**

There are no financial and resource implications arising from this report.

### **2.0 Legal:**

There are no legal implications arising from this report.