

# Meeting: Overview and Scrutiny Committee

**Date:** 1 July 2013

**Title:** Overview and Scrutiny Report – Transition of Public Health into the Local Authority

---

**Author:** Scrutiny Team Tel: 0191 643 5313

**Service:** Governance Services

**Directorate:** Law and Governance

**Wards affected:** All

---

## 1. Purpose of Report

To receive a report undertaken by the Adult Social Care, Health and Wellbeing Sub-committee regarding the transition of Public Health into the local authority.

## 2. Recommendations

Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to agree the report (attached as Appendix A) for submission to Cabinet at its meeting on 8 July 2013.

## 3. Details

### Background

3.1 Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on the 1 October 2012 requested that a sub-group of the Adult Social Care, Health and Wellbeing Sub-committee be established to investigate the transfer of public health functions into the local authority. The main objective was to seek assurance that the transfer would be smooth and with adequate resources to create a high quality and locally accountable health system.

3.2 The study focussed on the following areas:-

- Public health grant 2013/14 and transfer of staff to the local authority
- Governance arrangements and the operation model that the local authority has adopted for public health
- Public health service contracts transferring into the local authority and the commissioning intentions for 2013/14

3.3 Members of the sub-group included Councillors John O'Shea, Lesley Spillard and Alison Waggott-Fairley.

3.4 In carrying out the study Members held a series of meetings with Marietta Evans, Director of Public Health, Ian Atkinson, Business Manager for Public Health and Wendy

Burke, acting Public Health Consultant between 15 January 2013 and 16 May 2013 to receive evidence in relation to the key areas reviewed.

- 3.5 A report containing the sub-groups findings and recommendations was subsequently produced (attached as Appendix A). This report was approved for submission to Overview and Scrutiny Committee by the Adult Social Care, Health and Wellbeing Sub-committee at its meeting on 20 June 2013.
- 3.6 A representative of the sub-group has been invited to the meeting to present the report to the Committee.
- 3.6 It is recommended that Overview and Scrutiny Committee agree the report and recommendations contained within and refer the report to Cabinet for consideration at its meeting on 8 July 2013.

#### **4. Appendices (if any)**

Appendix 1 – Overview and Scrutiny Report – Transition of Public Health into the Local Authority