

Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to Scrutiny Board (Adult Social Services, Public Health, NHS)

Date: 8 September 2015

Subject: Public Health Budget Update

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to introduce a further update from the Director of Public Health regarding the Public Health budget for 2015/16 (i.e. the current year).

2 Summary of main issues

- 2.1 At the Board's meeting on 23 June 2015, the Director of Public Health and Executive Member for Health, Wellbeing and Adults advised the Scrutiny Board of a recent Treasury announcement that would see Public Health funding reduced by approximately £200M across England for 2015/16 (the current year): Equating to around £3M for Leeds, which was likely to have a significant impact on the Council's 'prevention agenda'.
- 2.2 At its meeting on 28 July 2015, the Board received a further update from the Director of Public Health advising that a Department of Health consultation was anticipated in the very near future – likely to focus on how the decision to make in-year savings could be implemented.
- 2.3 On 31 July 2015, the Department of Health launched its consultation '*Local authority public health allocations 2015/16: in-year savings – A consultation*'. The consultation period ran until 28 August 2015 and a copy of the consultation document is attached for information. As expected, the focus of the consultation was around how the total in-year savings should be achieved and distributed across local authority areas.

2.4 The Director of Public Health has been invited to provide an update to the Scrutiny Board, including Leeds' response to the consultation and the anticipated next steps.

3. Recommendations

3.1 That the Scrutiny Board considers the report and the detail presented at the meeting, and determines any future scrutiny actions or activity.

4. Background papers¹

4.1 None used.

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.