

Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

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

Date: 24 November 2015

Subject: Public Health 2015/16 Budget – Update

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<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 previous meetings the Director of Public Health and Executive Member for Health, Wellbeing and Adults have advised the Scrutiny Board of the 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. It has previously been outlined to the Board that this is likely to have a significant impact on the Council's 'prevention agenda'.
- 2.2 The Scrutiny Board was also advised of the Council's response to the Department of Health consultation '*Local authority public health allocations 2015/16: in-year savings – A consultation*', which ran until 28 August 2015.
- 2.3 The Government response to the public consultation has now been published and is appended to this report. In addition to analysing the consultation responses, this also confirms Leeds' overall contribution to the in-year reduction as £2.818M.
- 2.4 The Director of Public Health has been invited to provide a further verbal update to the Scrutiny Board including progress against achieving the confirmed level of savings required.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 That the Scrutiny Board considers the report and details 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.