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## Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

**Scrutiny Board (Health)** 

Date: 28th April 2009

**Subject: Health Proposals Working Group** 

Electoral Wards Affected:	Specific Implications For:
	Equality and Diversity
	Community Cohesion
Ward Members consulted (referred to in report)	Narrowing the Gap

## 1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Health Proposals Working Group is a sub-group of the Scrutiny Board (Health) which meets on a regular basis to allow local NHS bodies to inform Scrutiny of future proposals for service changes at an early stage. The Working Group then discusses and agrees the status of such proposals. Any proposals deemed to be 'substantial' are brought to the full Scrutiny Board for consultation.
- 1.2 As part of the Health Proposals Working Group terms of reference, members of the group also keep the full Scrutiny Board appraised of their activity.
- 1.3 The minutes of the last meeting of the Health Proposals Working Group are appended to this report for discussion.
- 1.4 Members will note that attendance at the last Working Group was rather low, and that included in the minutes is a suggestion that arrangements for future meetings be reviewed.

## 2.0 Recommendations

2.1 Members are asked to consider the minutes of the last meeting of the Health Proposals Working Group, and discuss a possible format for future meetings which will maximise member involvement in this process.

## 3.0 Background Documents

• Terms of reference – Health Proposals Working Group (agreed 16<sup>th</sup> September 2008)