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## Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

### Scrutiny Board (Health)

Date: 25 May 2010

Subject: **Scrutiny Inquiry: The role of the Council and its partners in promoting good public health (Draft final report)**

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#### Electoral Wards Affected:

Ward Members consulted  
(referred to in report)

#### Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

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### 1.0 Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to present the draft report and recommendations arising from the Scrutiny Board's inquiry – *The role of the Council and its partners in promoting good public health*.

### 2.0 Background

2.1 At its meeting on 22 September 2009, the Scrutiny Board (Health) agreed terms of reference for the above inquiry. The Board subsequently held a number of evidence gathering sessions and considered a wide range of information around the following areas of public health:

- Improving sexual health and reducing the level of teenage pregnancies;
- Reversing the rise in levels of obesity and promoting an increase in the levels of physical activity; and,
- Promoting responsible alcohol consumption.

### 3.0 Scrutiny Inquiry: The role of the Council and its partners in promoting good public health

3.1 This inquiry has now concluded and the Board is in a position to report on the findings and recommendations arising from the evidence gathered. The Board's draft inquiry report will follow and be made available prior to the meeting for the Board's consideration.

- 3.2 Scrutiny Board Procedure Rule 16.3 states that "where a Scrutiny Board is considering making specific recommendations it shall invite advice from the appropriate Director(s) prior to finalising its recommendations. The Director shall consult with the appropriate Executive Member before providing any such advice. The detail of that advice shall be reported to the Scrutiny Board and considered before the Statement is finalised."
- 3.3 Any advice received will be reported at the Board's meeting for consideration, before the Board finalises its inquiry report.
- 3.4 Once the final inquiry report has been agreed and published, the appropriate Director(s) and NHS organisations will be asked to provide a formal response to the recommendations contained in the report. Such responses will be presented to the Scrutiny Board as soon as practicable.

#### **4.0 Recommendations**

- 4.1 Following the inquiry into '*The role of the Council and its partners in promoting good public health*', Members of the Scrutiny Board are asked to consider and agree the draft report.

#### **5.0 Background Documents**

None