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## Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

### Scrutiny Board (Health)

Date: 26 April 2011

Subject: Updated Work Programme 2010/11

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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 and update members on the current activity across a number of work areas. As this is the last scheduled meeting during the current municipal year, the Board is also asked to identify specific matters, currently listed as 'unscheduled items', to be highlighted for consideration by the new Board following the Annual Council Meeting in May 2011.

## 2.0 Background

2.1 At its meetings on 25 June 2010 and 27 July 2010, the Board received a number of inputs to help members consider the Board's priorities during the current municipal year. This included specific inputs from:

- Executive Board Member for Adult Health and Social Care
- Deputy Director (Adult Social Services)
- NHS Leeds – Chair and Chief Executive
- Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust (LTHT) – Chair and Chief Executive
- Leeds Partnerships Foundation Trust (LPFT) – Chair and Chief Executive
- Leeds Director of Public Health

2.2 At those meetings a number of potential work areas were identified by members of the Board and were subsequently confirmed in an outline work programme. However, members will be aware that the work programme should be regarded as a 'live' document, which may evolve and change over time to reflect any in-year change in priorities and/or emerging issues.

- 2.3 As such, and as in previous years, the work programme, including any emerging issues, will continue to be routinely presented to the Scrutiny Board for consideration, amendment and/or agreement: The work programme was most recently presented and agreed at the Scrutiny Board meeting held on 22 March 2010, and an updated version is now presented at Appendix 1 for consideration.

### **3.0 Update on specific work areas and associated activity**

- 3.1 This section of the report seeks to provide a more detailed update on specific activities and elements of the Board's work programme.

#### NHS proposed reforms

- 3.2 The Board has considered the proposed NHS reforms – both in general terms and specifically around public health – on a number of occasions. This has included proposals to establish GP consortia, Health and Wellbeing Boards and the transfer of Public Health responsibilities to local councils.
- 3.3 Members of the Board will undoubtedly be aware of the listening exercise around the proposed reforms, recently announced by Government. In a recent letter from the Chief Executive of the NHS in England, this exercise is likely to affect the timing of some of the proposals. A copy of this letter is attached at Appendix 2 for information.
- 3.4 As part of the Board's consideration of the local impact of proposed changes, some members of the Scrutiny Board met with representatives of Leeds Local Medical Committee on 25 March 2011. A copy of the draft notes from this meeting are attached at Appendix 3 for information.

#### Children's Congenital Cardiac Services – national review

- 3.5 As previously reported, the proposals / recommendations issued for consultation will be considered by a regional Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC). This will be made up of representatives from other Health Overview and Scrutiny Committees across the Yorkshire and the Humber region.
- 3.6 A specific update on the work of the Joint HOSC is included elsewhere on the agenda.

#### Inquiry into Teenage Conceptions

- 3.7 Following the Scrutiny Board's decision to undertake some joint scrutiny with Scrutiny Board (Children's Services), an initial working group meeting to help scope this work is scheduled for 20 April 2011. A verbal update from this working group will be provided at the meeting.

#### Health Service Developments Working Group

- 3.8 As previously reported, the Health Service Developments Working Group meeting scheduled for 15 February 2011 was postponed. A further meeting of the working group has not yet been arranged.

#### Dermatology Services

- 3.9 A specific item on dermatology services in Leeds is included elsewhere on the agenda.

### Garforth Squash and Leisure Centre – working group

- 3.10 At its previous meeting on 22 March 2011, the Board agreed to establish a working group to consider the health and wellbeing needs in and around Garforth and how these will influence the development of the proposed Community Asset Transfer.
- 3.11 Since that meeting, the Council's Executive Board (at its meeting on 30 March 2011) considered a report seeking its support for granting a long-term lease (at a nominal peppercorn rent) to the School Partnership Trust (SPT) in Garforth. In considering this report, the Executive Board passed the following resolutions:
- (a) That the proposed method of disposal via direct negotiation with the Schools Partnership Trust, together with the aims of the proposed transfer and the risks and mitigations identified within the submitted report, be noted.
  - (b) That the principle of a community asset transfer of Garforth Squash and Leisure Centre to the School Partnership Trust at less than best consideration be approved.
  - (c) That the Acting Director of City Development, in consultation with the Executive Member for Leisure, be authorised to finalise a lease agreement in keeping with the principles and terms outlined within the submitted report and subject to receipt of a suitable and robust business plan to conclude a lease with the School Partnership Trust.
- 3.12 Subsequently, these decisions have been 'called-in' and are due to be considered by Scrutiny Board (City Development) at a meeting on 20 April 2011. As the outcome of the call-in cannot be pre-determined, it is difficult to predict the impact this development may have. As such, at the current time and until such time that the position is clarified, it would be inappropriate for the Scrutiny Board (Health) to proceed with arrangements for the working group detailed above.
- 3.13 The outcome of the Scrutiny Board (City Development) Call-in meeting will be provided at the meeting.

### Leeds Girls High School – statement of common ground

- 3.14 Since the previous meeting, a member of Scrutiny Board (Health), Cllr. Illingworth, has requested that the Board give consideration to the above matter on the grounds that it:
- '...effectively claims that the proposed development on inner-city playing fields in one of the most deprived areas of Leeds has no implications for Public Health.'*
- 3.15 The Chair of the Scrutiny Board (Health) has agreed for this matter to be raised at this meeting. However, in considering this matter, members of the Board are reminded that this matter seemingly relates to a specific/ individual planning application and decision, which is also likely to form part of a Public Inquiry later in the year. As such, members of the Board are further reminded that Paragraph 11.1 of the Scrutiny Board Procedure Rules (as detailed in the Council's Constitution 2010/11) states that no Scrutiny Board may undertake a review into:
- any decision of a Plans Panel or the Licensing Committee or a Licensing sub-committee.
  - any decision taken by an officer under delegated authority which falls within the terms of reference of a Plans Panel or the Licensing Committee or a Licensing Sub-Committee

- except in exceptional circumstances, any decision in respect of which there are:
  - ongoing judicial procedures, Ombudsman or audit inquiry or complaint under the Council's formal complaints procedure<sup>1</sup>; or
  - individual personnel issues.

3.16 A copy of the prepared statement, '*Leeds Girls High School – statement of common ground*' is attached at Appendix 4 for information. Nonetheless, Members of the Scrutiny Board (Health) are asked to take into account the matters outlined above (paragraph 3.15) when considering this specific issue.

#### **4.0 Work programme (2009/10)**

4.1 Members will be aware that the Scrutiny Board's work programme should be regarded as a 'live' document, which may evolve and change to reflect any in-year change in priorities and/or emerging issues.

4.2 However, as this is the last scheduled meeting during the current municipal year and the work of the Board is nearing its end, members of the Board are asked to consider those matters currently listed as 'unscheduled items' (at Appendix 1) and identify specific matters to be highlighted for consideration by the new Board, following the Annual Council Meeting in May 2011.

#### **5.0 Recommendations**

5.1 Members are asked to consider and note the details presented in this report, specifically in relation to;

5.1.1 The recent developments and implications associated with the proposed NHS reforms,

5.1.2 The details presented following the recent meeting with Leeds Local Medical Committee;

5.1.3 The updated position regarding the proposed inquiry around Teenage Conceptions;

5.1.4 The updated position regarding the Board proposed work around Garforth Squash and Leisure Centre;

5.2 Members are also asked to determine what, if any, action to take in relation to the request around Leeds Girls High School – statement of common ground.

5.3 Members are also asked to specifically identify any matters currently listed as 'unscheduled items' in Appendix 1, to be highlighted for consideration by the new Board following the Annual Council Meeting in May 2011.

#### **6.0 Background Documents**

- Scrutiny Board (Health) – Work programme (June 2010)
- Scrutiny Board (Health) – Work programme (March 2011)
- Scrutiny Board (City Development) – Call-in: Garforth Squash and Leisure Centre (Agenda papers and report – 20 April 2011)
- Leeds City Council's Constitution 2010/11

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<sup>1</sup> It might be appropriate for a Scrutiny Board to conduct an inquiry at the conclusion of any of the proceedings referred to.