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## Report of the Chief Executive

### Executive Board

Date: 14<sup>th</sup> June 2006

**Subject: Inquiry into Childhood Obesity Prevention and Management – Final Report**

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**Electoral Wards Affected:**

**Specific Implications For:**

Ethnic minorities

Women

Disabled people

Narrowing the Gap

Eligible for Call In

Not Eligible for Call In

(Details contained in the report)

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The Scrutiny Board (Health and Wellbeing) within their report on Childhood Obesity Prevention and Management have recommended that the Executive Board nominate an Executive Member to champion issues relating to obesity.

In the interests of corporate and consistent practice this report recommends that the Directors of Children's and Adult Services should report further to Executive Board as to how the recommendation should best be addressed.

### 1.0 Purpose Of This Report

- 1.1 This report introduces the report of the Chief Democratic Services Officer which presents the above final report of the Scrutiny Board (Health and Wellbeing) to the Executive Board. Recommendation 6 of the Scrutiny Board is "that the Executive Board nominates an Executive Member to champion issues relating to obesity".

The purpose of this report is to recommend to Executive Board a formal response to the recommendation of the Scrutiny Board.

### 2.0 Background Information

- 2.1 The background information is as contained in the attached report of the Chief Democratic Services Officer

### **3.0 Main Issues**

- 3.1 The recommendation of the Scrutiny Board arises from their recognition of the need to strengthen the links in addressing issues between childhood obesity and adult obesity. Whilst accepting the need as recognised by the Scrutiny Board officers are of the view that to simply nominate an Executive Member to champion issues relating to obesity generally may not fully or appropriately address that need. The responsibility identified relates to more than one portfolio / departmental area of responsibility. As the recommendation could form a precedent in terms of similarly identified linked needs in the future it needs to be considered on an in principle basis.

### **4.0 Implications For Council Policy And Governance**

- 4.1 A considered response to this recommendation will provide a template for consistency in the manner in which the Council demonstrates leadership in relation to this and similar issues.

### **5.0 Conclusions**

- 5.1 In the interests of demonstrating that the issue identified by the Scrutiny Board is addressed across portfolios and departmental responsibilities and in creating a robust precedent it seems most appropriate that the Directors of Children's Services and Adult Services be requested to bring a further report to the Board as to how the recommendation of the Scrutiny Board should best be addressed.

### **6.0 Recommendations**

- 6.1 That the final report of the Scrutiny Board (Health and Wellbeing) into childhood obesity prevention and management be noted and that a further report be brought to this Board in response to recommendation 6 of the Scrutiny Board's report.