

## Scrutiny Committee

Meeting to be held on 8 June 2012

Electoral Division affected: None
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### Task Group Update

(Appendices 'A' and 'B' refer)

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### Executive Summary

This report has two purposes:

1. To update members on progress with existing Task and Finish Groups and impact of completed Task Group reports
2. To allow the Committee to consider any new proposals for Task Groups

The Health Scrutiny Committee has submitted a new request (attached at Appendix 'B') on the issue of Public Health.

### Recommendation

That the Committee:

- i. consider the request for a new task group
- ii. note the list of existing task groups and developments with completed task group reports, and comment as appropriate.

### Background and Advice

In order to ensure that the Scrutiny Committee is kept informed of progress on Task Groups, this item will appear on each agenda.

For information, a list of existing Task Groups is attached as Appendix 'A' to this report. It is not intended that members feed back on all existing task groups, but members are invited to comment on any issues of particular significance.

All new requests for task groups will be considered under this item. As a standing item, this should ensure that there is always a timely response to requests without the need to resort to the Urgent Business Procedure.

A request is attached at Appendix 'B' for the establishment of a task group to look at the implications for the county council in relation to the Health reforms as set out in the 'Equity and Excellence: Liberating the NHS' (the NHS White Paper) and 'Healthy

Lives Healthy People' (Public Health White Paper) documents. The changes mean that by 2013, the county council will take on a number of new responsibilities for the health improvement function of Public Health for Lancashire. It is hoped that the establishment of a task group on this issue will clarify the role of elected members in the understanding and promotion of the public health function.

### **Consultations**

N/A

### **Implications:**

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

### **Risk management**

There are no significant risk management implications.

**Financial, Legal, Equality and Diversity, Human Rights, Crime and Disorder, Personnel, Property Asset Management, Procurement, Traffic Management, CIA (policies and strategies only):**

N/A

### **Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 List of Background Papers**

Paper	Date	Contact/Directorate/Tel
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N/A

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A