

## **Health Scrutiny Committee**

Meeting to be held on Monday, 5 March 2018

Electoral Division affected: (All Divisions);
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### **Report of the Health Scrutiny Steering Group**

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#### **Executive Summary**

Overview of matters presented and considered by the Health Scrutiny Steering Group at its meeting held on 7 February 2018.

#### **Recommendation**

The Health Scrutiny Committee is asked to receive the report of its Steering Group.

#### **Background and Advice**

The Steering Group is made up of the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Health Scrutiny Committee plus two additional members, one each nominated by the Labour and Independent Groups.

The main purpose of the Steering Group is to manage the workload of the Committee more effectively in the light of increasing number of changes to health services which are considered to be substantial. The main functions of the Steering Group are listed below:

- To act as a preparatory body on behalf of the Committee to develop the following aspects in relation to planned topics/reviews scheduled on the Committee's work plan:
  - Reasons/focus, objectives and outcomes for scrutiny review;
  - Develop key lines of enquiry;
  - Request evidence, data and/or information for the report to the Committee;
  - Determine who to invite to the Committee
- To act as the first point of contact between Scrutiny and the Health Service Trusts and Clinical Commissioning Groups;
- To liaise, on behalf of the Committee, with Health Service Trusts and Clinical Commissioning Groups;

- To make proposals to the Committee on whether they consider NHS service changes to be 'substantial' thereby instigating further consultation with scrutiny;
- To develop and maintain its own work programme for the Committee to consider and allocate topics accordingly;
- To invite any local Councillor(s) whose ward(s) as well as any County Councillor(s) whose division(s) are/will be affected to sit on the Group for the duration of the topic to be considered.

It is important to note that the Steering Group is not a formal decision making body and that it will report its activities and any aspect of its work to the Committee for consideration and agreement.

### **Meeting held on 7 February 2018:**

#### **Life Expectancy and Health in All Policies**

Andrea Smith and Aidan Kirkpatrick provided an updated position on life expectancy and healthy life expectancy across Lancashire's districts. Reference was also made to the Marmot Review into health inequalities in England which proposed an evidence based strategy to address the social determinants of health - the conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work and age and which can lead to health inequalities.

In considering the information presented, members felt there was a need to hear about the next steps for health in all policies (short, medium and long term outcomes). It was also decided that the focus for the report to the Health Scrutiny Committee meeting scheduled on 5 March should be on the built environment and the economy.

It was suggested that consideration be given to the organisation of a workshop for the Committee on this matter. It was also suggested that the report be amended to provide more specific examples of affluent and deprived areas by comparison. A power point presentation was also requested.

#### **Consultations**

N/A

#### **Implications:**

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

#### **Risk management**

This report has no significant risk implications.

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

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Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate		
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