

**REPORT TO:** Health and Wellbeing Board  
**DATE:** 15<sup>th</sup> January 2014  
**REPORTING OFFICER:** Director of Public Health  
**PORTFOLIO:** Health and Wellbeing  
**SUBJECT:** Local Government Declaration on Tobacco Control  
**WARDS:** Borough wide

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Health and Wellbeing Board of the Local Government Declaration on Tobacco Control.

### **RECOMMENDATION: That**

- 1. The Board note the contents of the report; and**
- 2. Agree to support the declaration (attached as Appendix 2)**

## **2.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

2.1 In May 2013 Newcastle City Council passed a declaration setting out their commitment to tackle the harm that smoking causes our communities. This has become known as the Local Government Declaration on Tobacco Control. Further details are attached as Appendices to this report, however the declaration commits councils to:

- Reduce smoking prevalence and health inequalities
- Develop plans with partners and local communities
- Participate in local and regional networks
- Support Government action at national level
- Protect tobacco control work from the commercial and vested interests of the tobacco industry
- Monitor the progress of our plans
- Join the Smokefree Action Coalition

## **3.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 Smoking is the primary cause of preventable illness in the UK. It is responsible for 80% of deaths from lung cancer, around 80% of deaths from bronchitis and emphysema and 17% of deaths from heart disease. More than one quarter of all cancer deaths can be attributed to smoking.

#### **4.0 OTHER/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 None identified at this time.

#### **5.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

##### **5.1 Children and Young People in Halton**

Being exposed to secondhand smoke has a significant impact on the health of a child before birth, in childhood, and can continue to have an impact on their health into adulthood. Therefore policies to reduce smoking prevalence will directly contribute to improving the health and wellbeing of children and young people.

##### **5.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton**

Smoking related absence has an impact on employment and the wider economy. Therefore workplace smoking initiatives and the wider implementation of tobacco control policies will contribute to reducing absenteeism and improving productivity.

##### **5.3 A Healthy Halton**

All of the areas outlined within this report focus on improving the health and wellbeing of Halton residents.

##### **5.4 A Safer Halton**

N/A

##### **5.5 Halton's Urban Renewal**

The environment in which we live and the physical infrastructure of our communities has a direct impact on our health and wellbeing. Whilst the smoking ban has eradicated smoking in public places more could be done to reduce smoking prevalence in and around community settings and reduce smoking waste.

#### **6.0 RISK ANALYSIS**

N/A

#### **7.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

This is in line with all equality and diversity issues in Halton.

**8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

There are none within the meaning of the Act.