

**REPORT TO:** Executive Board

**DATE:** 13 March 2014

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Strategic Director- Communities

**PORTFOLIO:** Health and Wellbeing

**SUBJECT:** Joint Health Scrutiny

**WARDS:** Borough-wide

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 To present a protocol for the establishment of Joint Health Scrutiny arrangements across Cheshire and Merseyside.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That Executive Board recommend Council to approve the Joint Health Scrutiny protocol.**

## **3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 The new Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 required local authorities to form joint scrutiny committees where there was a substantial development/variation proposal which was to impact on more than one Local Authority area.

3.2 A joint Health Scrutiny Officer's meeting had taken place in September 2013, which had focused on how as a Cheshire and Merseyside region, we should respond to this requirement.

3.3 The Health Policy and Performance Board had considered a draft protocol (attached as Appendix 1), and at its meeting on 4 March 2014 recommended the protocol be approved and adopted by Council.

## **4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 Having a protocol in place prior to the commencement of any joint scrutiny committees would help support a more structured approach to joint scrutiny.

## **5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 None identified at this stage.

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

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

None identified at this stage.

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

None identified at this stage.

### **6.3 A Healthy Halton**

The remit of the Health Policy and Performance Board is directly linked to this priority.

### **6.4 A Safer Halton**

None identified at this stage.

### **6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal**

None identified at this stage.

## **7.0 RISK ANALYSIS**

Not having an approved joint protocol could lead to a disjointed approach to joint scrutiny functions in future.

## **8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

None identified at this stage.

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

<b>Document</b>	<b>Place of Inspection</b>	<b>Contact Officer</b>
<b>The Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013</b>	<b>Municipal Buildings</b>	<b>Lynn Derbyshire</b> <a href="mailto:Lynn.derbyshire@halton.gov.uk"><u>Lynn.derbyshire@halton.gov.uk</u></a>