

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

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