

<b>HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>
<b>19 JULY 2018</b>
<b>HEALTHWATCH ANNUAL REPORT 2017/18</b>
<b>REPORT OF HEAD OF LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE</b>

## **1 Purpose**

- 1.1 To consider the Healthwatch Annual Report 2017/18.

## **2 Action required**

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to give consideration to the Healthwatch Annual Report 2017/18 and identify if there are any implications for health scrutiny operation and/or work programme.

## **3 Background information**

- 3.1 Healthwatch is a consumer champion in health and social care. It has a role at both national and local level to make sure that views of the public and service users are taken into account in decision making.
- 3.2 Since April 2013 every local authority with social services responsibilities has been required to establish arrangements for a Local Healthwatch organisation. Healthwatch is an independent organisation but the Council holds the contract for local Healthwatch arrangements and is responsible for ensuring that the arrangements operate effectively.
- 3.3 Healthwatch Nottingham has existed since 2013 but during the last year the Committee has heard about the merger with Healthwatch Nottinghamshire to form Healthwatch Nottingham and Nottinghamshire.
- 3.4 In the local working agreement between Health Scrutiny, Healthwatch and the Health and Wellbeing Board, Healthwatch agreed to provide a copy of its annual report to the Health Scrutiny Committee.
- 3.5 The Healthwatch Annual Report 2017/18 is attached.
- 3.6 A representative of Healthwatch will be attending the meeting to present the annual report and answer questions from the Committee about its content.

## **4 List of attached information**

- 4.1 Healthwatch Nottingham Annual Report 2017/18

**5    Background papers, other than published works or those disclosing exempt or confidential information**

5.1   None

**6    Published documents referred to in compiling this report**

6.1   None

**7    Wards affected**

7.1   All

**8    Contact information**

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