

<b>HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL</b>
<b>30 JULY 2014</b>
<b>INTEGRATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH WITHIN NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL ONE YEAR ON</b>
<b>REPORT OF HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES</b>

**1. Purpose**

- 1.1 To review how well the public health function has integrated into the Council since its transfer on 1 April 2013 and future work to maximise the potential of integration.

**2. Action required**

- 2.1 The Panel is asked to use the information provided to inform questioning and discussion about the integration of the public health function; and identify if any further scrutiny is required.

**3. Background information**

- 3.1 The Health and Social Care Act 2012 transferred public health responsibilities to local authorities. Throughout 2012/13 the Panel monitored the transition process, and responsibility for public health formally transferred on 1 April 2013. This represented a significant change both for local authorities and for the public health function, which had previously been located within primary care trusts.
- 3.2 The Council's public health responsibilities have now been in place for over 12 months and this provides an opportunity for councillors to consider how the function has integrated into the Council; allocation of the ring-fenced Public Health Grant; and current issues and future plans for public health in Nottingham.
- 3.3 The Director of Public Health has prepared a paper on the public health function in Nottingham which is attached to this report, and will be attending the meeting along with the Portfolio Holder for Adults, Commissioning and Health to discuss this with the Panel and answer questions.

**4. List of attached information**

- 4.1 The following information can be found in the appendix to this report:

**Appendix 1** – Report of the Director of Public Health including:

1. Public Health Function within Nottingham City November 2012 – March 2014
2. Department of Health October 2013 'Directors of Public Health in Local Government: Roles, Responsibilities and Context'
3. Public Health England 'Nottingham Health Profile 2014'

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

None

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

Reports to and minutes of meetings of the Health Scrutiny Panel held on 23 May 2012, 25 July 2012, 29 November 2012, 29 January 2013 and 28 March 2013.

**7. Wards affected**

All

**8. Contact information**

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