

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL
COMMUNITIES and HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

4 March 2014

Report of the Director of Planning, Housing and Environmental Health

Part 1- Public

Matters for Recommendation to Cabinet - Non-Key Decision (Decision may be taken by the Cabinet Member)

1 HEALTH ACTION TEAM

Summary

The report provides a summary of the work of the Council's Health Action Team. Minutes of the most recent meeting are attached.

1.1 Background

1.1.1 Through the Health Action Team (HAT) it is intended that local partners involved in the delivery of "health" in its widest context have the opportunity to meet together to develop a wider understanding of the role of the various partners engaged in health improvement. The HAT also provides a focus for co-ordinating health improvement work across the Borough to help achieve good local outcomes for local people.

1.1.2 The HAT meets quarterly and includes representation from a number of the Council's Services, including Leisure, Private Sector Housing, Executive Services and Environmental Health. It also involves partners including, Tonbridge and Malling Leisure Trust, Kent County Council Public Health, Clinical Commissioning Group, Age Concern and Voluntary Action West Kent. It is intended that as work on this agenda develops additional partners will join the group, including those representing the Troubled Families Programme and MIND. Minutes of the 11 December 2013 meeting are attached at **[Annex 1]**.

1.1.3 Complementing the work of this Group, will be a Health OSG, the principle aim of which will be to focus on the delivery of our Health Inequalities Action Plan.

1.2 Legal Implications

1.2.1 None

1.3 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

1.3.1 Actions for the Council arising out of the HAT will be met by existing budgets or additional external funding.

- 1.3.2 An important role for the HAT is to ensure a co-ordinated approach to the delivery of health improvement initiatives, including the avoidance of duplication, to ensure that resources are used to best effect.

1.4 Risk Assessment

- 1.4.1 None

1.5 Equality Impact Assessment

- 1.5.1 See 'Screening for equality impacts' table at end of report

1.6 Recommendations

- 1.6.1 Members are requested to **ENDORSE** the work of the HAT and the most recent minutes of this Group.

The Director of Planning, Housing and Environmental Health confirms that the proposals contained in the recommendation(s), if approved, will fall within the Council's Budget and Policy Framework.

Background papers:

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Nil

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Director of Planning, Housing and Environmental Health

Screening for equality impacts:		
Question	Answer	Explanation of impacts
a. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have potential to cause adverse impact or discriminate against different groups in the community?	Yes	The HAT meets to formulate a strategic approach to the delivery of health improvement, with partners, across the Borough. A key focus of this work is addressing health inequalities, for that reason the emphasis on delivery of these initiatives will tend to be focussed in and around our priority communities. However, programmes such as those adult weight management delivered through the Leisure Centres programmes, healthy walks etc. are open to all.

Screening for equality impacts:		
Question	Answer	Explanation of impacts
b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper make a positive contribution to promoting equality?	Yes	Through the reasons stated above.
c. What steps are you taking to mitigate, reduce, avoid or minimise the impacts identified above?		

In submitting this report, the Chief Officer doing so is confirming that they have given due regard to the equality impacts of the decision being considered, as noted in the table above.