

**Health Scrutiny Committee – 8th July, 2015**

**Report of the Strategic Director (Resources and Transformation)**

**Terms of Reference for the Health Scrutiny Committee**

**Purpose of Report**

1. To note the terms of reference for the Health Scrutiny Committee.

**Background**

2. At the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board on 11th December, 2014, a report was considered on the implications of the corporate restructuring on the Council's future overview and scrutiny arrangements.

Approval, in principle, was given to establish a Scrutiny Committee structure aligned to the new Strategic Directorate structure for the 2015/16 municipal year.

The establishment of the following Committees was recommended and approved by the annual meeting of the Council, to take effect from May 2015:

Overview and Scrutiny Management Board  
People Services Scrutiny Committee  
Resources and Transformation Scrutiny Committee  
Place Scrutiny Committee  
Health Scrutiny Committee.

3. The Council's scrutiny arrangements are set out in Part 2, Article 6 of the Constitution (Overview and Scrutiny). The associated Scrutiny Procedure Rules are contained within Part 4 of the Constitution which also contains the terms of reference for the Resources and Transformation Scrutiny Committee. These terms of reference are attached as an Appendix to the report submitted.

**Finance**

4. The costs of operating the revised scrutiny structure will be contained within existing budgetary allocations.

**Law**

5. Scrutiny Committees are established in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 and the requirements of the Council's Constitution, which was adopted under the Local Government Act 2000, subsequent legislation and associated Regulations and Guidance.

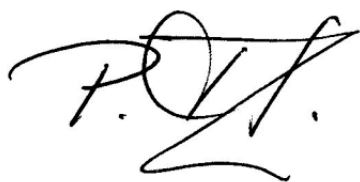
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### **Equality Impact**

6. Provision exists within the recommended scrutiny arrangements for overview and scrutiny to be undertaken of the Council's policies on equality and diversity.

### **Recommendations**

7. That the terms of reference for the Scrutiny Committee, as set out in the attached Appendix, be noted.



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### **List of Background Papers**

The Council's Constitution

## **HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

### **Membership**

11 Councillors, 1 non-voting Co-opted Member

### **Terms of Reference**

To fulfil all of the overview and scrutiny functions of a Scrutiny Committee as they relate to the improvement of local health and associated services, as a contribution to the Council's community leadership role, in accordance with relevant legislation, regulations and associated guidance.

To make reports and recommendations to local National Health Service (NHS) bodies and to the Council on any matter reviewed or scrutinised which will explain the matter reviewed, summarise the evidence considered, provide a list of participants in the scrutiny exercise, and make any recommendations on the matter reviewed as appropriate.

To proactively receive information within given timescales, with some exceptions as per Government Guidance, requested from local NHS bodies.

To be consulted by and respond to (as appropriate) NHS bodies in connection with the rationale behind any proposal and options for change to local health services made by the NHS.

To ensure the involvement of local stakeholders in the work of the Committee.

To take referrals from local Patients' Forums.

To act in accordance with Government Guidance relating to Health and Scrutiny functions.

In accordance with any relevant statutory requirements and the Annual Scrutiny Programme approved by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board:-

- (a) To undertake in-depth scrutiny investigations, inquiries and reviews in accordance with the Annual Scrutiny Programme;
- (b) To contribute to policy development by carrying out the scrutiny of all health related functions and matters falling within the portfolio of the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing (including the Office of Public Health) (with the exception of functions that fall within the terms of reference of the People Services Scrutiny Committee).

To submit reports and recommendations to the Cabinet and/or the Council on the outcomes of scrutiny investigations, inquiries and reviews.

To make recommendations to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board on any proposed amendments to the Annual Scrutiny Programme.