

## **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

### **PUBLIC HEALTH SELECT COMMITTEE**

#### **Membership**

11 Councillors, 1 non-voting Co-opted Member

#### **Terms of Reference**

To fulfil scrutiny functions 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 and to take any referrals from local Patients' Forums.

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

In accordance with any agreed programme of business and any statutory requirements:-

- (a) To undertake scrutiny and contribute to policy development relating to matters falling within the portfolio responsibilities of the Cabinet Member for Public Health.
- (b) To undertake scrutiny investigations/inquiries as required.
- (c) To submit reports and recommendations to the relevant decision taker(s).