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| MEETING: | Health & social care overview and scrutiny committee |
| MEETING DATE: | 21 March 2016 |
| TITLE OF REPORT: | Public Health accountability session |
| REPORT BY: | Democratic services officer |

Classification

Open

Key Decision

This is not an executive decision

Wards Affected

Countywide

Purpose

To hold a public accountability session to discuss the performance of the public health service in Herefordshire.

Recommendation

THAT:

- (a) the committee considers the performance of public health to date in 2015-16; and**
- (b) with reference to the suggestions or opportunities for future scrutiny work (outlined in appendix a), agrees any items for inclusion in the committee's work programme for 2016/17.**

Alternative Options

1. There are no relevant alternative options.

Reasons for Recommendations

2. Accountability sessions provide a way for health and social care bodies to be challenged and questioned about their service and allow for the identification of items to be included on the committee's work programme.

Key considerations

3. This accountability session focuses on public health and:
 - the key work that the body has completed through the previous year;

- any success throughout the previous year;
- any challenges throughout the previous year;
- key areas of concentration for the coming year;
- areas of risk for the coming year; and
- areas that might be beneficial of an input by scrutiny, such as by way of a task and finish group.

Community impact

4 The topics selected for the scrutiny work programme should have regard to what matters to residents of Herefordshire.

Equality duty

5 The topics selected for the work programme need to have regard for equality issues.

Financial Implications

6 There are no financial implications to this report.

Legal Implications

7 There are no legal implications to this report.

Risk management

8 There is a reputational risk to the council if the overview and scrutiny function does not operate effectively. The arrangements for the development of the work programme should help mitigate this risk.

Consultees

9 Following initial consultations on topics for scrutiny with directors and members of the Cabinet, all members of the Council are invited to suggest items for scrutiny.

Appendices

Appendix a - Public Health overview

Appendix b - Presentation (to follow)

Background Papers

None identified.