

REPORT TO: Health Policy & Performance Board
DATE: 27 February 2018
REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director, People
PORTFOLIO: Health and Adults
SUBJECT: Scrutiny Review Report – Health Improvement Team
WARD(S) Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To present the Board with the draft Scrutiny Review report of the Health Improvement Team for approval to go forward to Executive Board.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the Board:

- i)* Comment on the findings of the Scrutiny Review;
- ii)* Endorse the Scrutiny Review and its recommendations to go forward to the Executive Board; and
- iii)* Consider scrutiny topics for 2018/19.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 Commissioning of the report

3.1.1 This report (attached as Appendix 1) was commissioned by the Health Policy and Performance Board. A scrutiny review working group was established and support was given by a Principal Policy Officer from the policy team and the Divisional Manager – Integrated Wellbeing Services.

3.1.2 The Board felt the scrutiny was timely given the HIT transfer to Council services in 2014 and the evolution and embedding of services since this period.

3.1.3 As a result a topic group was formed and the scrutiny process took place between June and November 2017.

3.1.4 Councillor Joan Lowe chaired the group and Members were asked to attend on an open invitation across the duration of the topic group.

3.2 Scrutiny review

3.2.1 The review involved the participation of seven Elected Members and the Health Policy and Performance Board's Healthwatch representative.

3.2.2 Activity undertaken included:

- Monthly meetings of the scrutiny topic group;
- Presentations and discussions with key stakeholders – included representation across the HIT, within the Council and with partner agencies;
- Attendance at difference classes delivered by the HIT;
- Attendance at a partnership meeting led by the HIT.

3.2.3 The Board identified six recommendations as a result of the topic group. Approval is now sought to take these recommendations forward to the Executive Board.

3.2.4 It should be noted that following the completion of the review the ring-fenced Health Improvement budget has been extended for a further twelve months.

3.3 Scrutiny Review 2018/19

3.3.1 As part of Member involvement in the current business planning process a range of topic areas have been identified for consideration for scrutiny during the municipal year 2018/19:

- Care Homes – Funding and Sustainability
- Supported Housing/Accommodation Review
- Acute Trusts/Acute Mental Health – National pressures and how these translate into local pressures.
- Accountable Care System

3.3.2 These are now open to discussion, and may be added to based the identification of additional topic areas.

3.3.3 It is intended that a final topic area will be chosen and a project brief ratified at the next Board meeting.

4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 Existing policies are endorsed by the report. Further development of policy, procedure and practice may result from adoption of the recommendations. This will be undertaken by the service area.

5.0 **OTHER/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 The recommendations highlight a need to open up discussions around the future of HIT services in the light of the removal of ring-fenced budgets (now indicated for 31st March 2020 as per 3.2.4).

6.0 **IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

6.1 **Children & Young People in Halton**
N/A

6.2 **Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton**
N/A

- 6.3 **A Healthy Halton**
The scrutiny review report and recommendations support the Council's strategic priority of Improving Health. Taking on board the recommendations from the report will support services which impact positively on the health and wellbeing of the borough's population.
- 6.4 **A Safer Halton**
N/A
- 6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal**
N/A
- 7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**
- 7.1 The report and recommendations support the Council's strategic priority of Improving Health. Taking on board the recommendations from the report will secure the future of services.
- 8.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**
- 8.1 The scrutiny report considered the HIT in the context of opportunity and access. The range and scope of services considers the needs of the communities across Halton.
- 9.0 **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**
- 9.1 None under the meaning of the Act.