

**REPORT TO:** Health Policy & Performance Board (HPPB)

**DATE:** 24<sup>th</sup> September 2024

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Director – Legal & Democratic Services

**PORTFOLIO:** Health and Wellbeing

**SUBJECT:** Joint Health Scrutiny Arrangements – Cheshire & Merseyside

**WARD(S):** Borough wide

**1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 The report is to introduce proposed revisions to the Joint Health Scrutiny Arrangements, which are in operation across Cheshire and Merseyside and to seek the endorsement of the Board to the revised arrangements and its referral to Council for approval.

**2.0 RECOMMENDED: That**

**1) the report be noted; and**

**2) the Board endorses the revised Joint Health Scrutiny Arrangements and recommends it to Council for approval.**

**3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 Knowsley have led on a piece of work to review the Joint Health Scrutiny Arrangements and have identified a number of proposed changes, which are being recommended for adoption by each constituent authority. The revised draft is attached as Appendix 1, with the proposed changes highlighted in yellow. They remove all references to the powers of referral to the Health Secretary and add some text on the ability to request a “call-in” by the Health Secretary. There is also amended text around the health scrutiny principles.

3.2 It is considered by officers that these changes are necessary and proportionate, and the revised arrangements are recommended for endorsement by the Board and referral to Council for approval.

**4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 The revised arrangements are considered to be fit for purpose and will assist the Council and partner authorities in upholding policies.

5.0 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

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

6.1 **Improving Health, Promoting Wellbeing and Supporting Greater Independence**

The arrangements are considered to improve the previous version and will therefore better assist in upholding the priority.

6.2 **Building a Strong, Sustainable Local Economy**

No specific implications.

6.3 **Supporting Children, Young People and Families**

No specific implications.

6.4 **Tackling Inequality and Helping Those Who Are Most In Need**

No specific implications.

6.5 **Working Towards a Greener Future**

No specific implications.

6.6 **Valuing and Appreciating Halton and Our Community**

No specific implications.

7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 There are no risks requiring control measures or a full risk assessment.

8.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 There are no specific implications arising from the report.

9.0 **CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 There are no specific implications arising from the report.

10.0 **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

10.1 There are none within the meaning of the Act.

