

Report to:	AUDIT COMMITTEE
Relevant Officers:	Judith Mills, Public Health Specialist
Date of Meeting	8 November 2018

PUBLIC HEALTH INTEGRATION AUDIT FOLLOW-UP

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To consider a progress report on the recommendations made in the internal audit report of Public Health Integration issued on the 8 May 2017.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To consider the actions being implemented to address the audit recommendations relating to Public Health Integration.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 To enable Audit Committee to consider an update and progress report on the audit recommendations.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

3.4 None.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council priority is organisational resilience.

5.0 Background Information

5.1 At its meeting in June 2018, the Audit Committee agreed to invite Heads of Service to the meeting to provide an update in relation to internal audit recommendation implementation.

The report being considered at this meeting relates to Public Health Integration with the scope and assurance statement as follows:

Scope

The scope of the audit was to review progress against the agreed actions from previous internal audit reviews relevant to the topic of Public Health integration, namely:

- Public Health Post Transition Review (2013/14);
- Public Health Integration (2014/15);
- Physical Activities (2015/16).

Overall Opinion and Assurance Statement

We consider that the recommendations and actions highlighted in the previous three audit reports have been adequately addressed. However, there are improvements that could be made to aid further integration and recommendations have been made in this report in order to help assist this process going forward.

Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.2 List of Appendices:

Appendix 4(a): Internal Audit Recommendations and Agreed Actions.

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 Risks need to be effectively managed in order to comply with relevant legislation.

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 The controls being implemented will be undertaken by current employees.

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 None.

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 The controls being implemented will be done so within current budget constraints.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 To enable the Audit Committee to gain assurance that risks are being effectively managed.

11.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

11.1 The progress report has been prepared in conjunction with the relevant Heads of

Service and Chief Officers.

12.0 Background papers:

12.1 None.

Appendix 1 - Agreed Action Plan

<i>Recommendation</i>	<i>Priority</i>	<i>Agreed Action</i>	<i>Responsible officer</i>	<i>Target Date</i>	<i>Progress</i>	
<p><i>R1</i></p>	<p>Public Health and Leisure Services should explore the possibility of incorporating physical activity initiatives into to the already established 'Healthy Weight' group, in order to help encourage physical activity in Blackpool.</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>The Public Health Specialists have considered this option. They believe that as the 'Healthy Weight' group is more focussed on reducing calorie intake and physical activity has wider benefits it should remain separate from a physical activity based group. Public Health can however see potential benefits in a more locally based physical activity group led by Leisure Services.</p>	<p>N/a</p>	<p>N/a</p>	<p>The Healthy Weight Group continues to meet and implement the updated action plan.</p> <p>The physical activity strategy group led by another directorate has met.</p>

	<i>Recommendation</i>	<i>Priority</i>	<i>Agreed Action</i>	<i>Responsible officer</i>	<i>Target Date</i>	<i>Progress</i>
<i>R2</i>	The Public Health Team should liaise with the Risk and Resilience Team regarding Business Continuity Plan training so that the testing of their plan can be scheduled and executed as soon as possible.	2	Agreed.	Director of Public Health	30/9/17	The Business Continuity plan was tested on 1st November 2017. Action points identified have been considered and measures put into place.
<i>R3</i>	Public Health representation at Directorate's Management Team meetings and should be reviewed to ensure that the best possible use can be made of these opportunities.	2	Agreed. It may not always be the Directorate Management Team meetings which are the best forum for this, in which case an alternative will be identified.	Director of Public Health	30/9/17	Public health has attended directorate DMTs and has an agreed joint work programmes where appropriate.