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## TOBACCO CONTROL- THEMATIC DEBATE

### 1.0 Matter for consideration

1.1 To consider issues related to the control of tobacco.

### 2.0 Recommendation(s)

2.1 To consider issues presented related to the control of tobacco and consider any steps arising for the debate that members may wish to explore further.

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### 3.0 Information

3.1 All members of the Board are invited to take part in a thematic debate around the issue of tobacco control. Members should consider steps that they wish the Board collectively and individual partners to undertake.

3.2 Smoking is the single most important factor explaining the difference in death rates between the most and least affluent areas, and is a major factor in ill health. Around 400 people die prematurely every year in Blackpool, and a further 8,000 will suffer from smoking related disease. The proportion of people smoking varies widely between social groups. The highest rates are seen amongst the most disadvantaged groups where typically three out of four families smoke and spend one seventh of their income on tobacco. The Blackpool rate of smoking in pregnancy is the worst in the country.

### 4.0 Financial considerations

4.1 None

### 5.0 Legal considerations

5.1 None

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#### Relevant officer:

Steve Morton, Public Health Practitioner, Blackpool Council

#### Appendices attached:

None

#### Background papers:

Appendix 8a: Blackpool CLear report

Appendix 8b: Tobacco Free Lancashire Strategy

#### Websites and e-mail links for further information:

<http://www.smokefreeaction.org.uk/declaration/>

#### Glossary:

None