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| <b>Report to:</b>              | <b>Health and Wellbeing Board</b>                                 |
| <b>Relevant Officer:</b>       | Arif Rajpura, Director of Public Health                           |
| <b>Relevant Cabinet Member</b> | Councillor Graham Cain, Cabinet Secretary (Resilient Communities) |
| <b>Date of Meeting</b>         | 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2015                                     |

## **RESPONSE TO PUBLIC HEALTH PROPOSED ALLOCATION FORMULA 2016/17**

### **1.0 Purpose of the report:**

1.1 To consider the Council's response to the Department for Health's consultation on the proposed allocation formula for Public Health for 2016/2017.

### **2.0 Recommendation(s):**

2.1 To note the response to the consultation and agree any further action by partners.

### **3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):**

3.1 The report updates the Health and Wellbeing Board on developments regarding future public health funding.

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:

None

### **4.0 Council Priority:**

4.1 The relevant Council Priorities are:

- Tackle child poverty, raise aspirations and improve educational achievement
- Safeguard and protect the most vulnerable

- Improve health and well-being especially for the most disadvantaged
- Improve housing standards and the environment we live in by using housing investment to create stable communities
- Create safer communities and reduce crime and anti-social behaviour

## **5.0 Background Information**

5.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board received a report at its meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2015 regarding proposed reductions to the funding for Public Health. At that meeting the Board expressed serious concerns as to these reductions and the Chairman wrote to the Secretary of State for Health on behalf of the Board. At that point the exact levels of funding remained unclear but the Board was clear that any reduction especially to the most deprived areas such as Blackpool would be detrimental.

5.2 The Department for Health launched a consultation on the 8<sup>th</sup> October 2015 regarding amendments to the formula for funding. The Director of Public Health submitted a representation on behalf of the Council on the 6<sup>th</sup> November 2015 in advance of deadline. As outlined in the representation submitted the proposed amendments to the funding formula would have significant implications. This representation is presented to the Board for any additional views and comments.

5.3 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

### **5.4 List of Appendices:**

Appendix 9a: Representation submitted by the Director of Public Health on behalf of Blackpool Council

## **6.0 Legal considerations:**

6.1 None

## **7.0 Human Resources considerations:**

7.1 None

## **8.0 Equalities considerations:**

8.1 None

**9.0 Financial considerations:**

9.1 None from the consultation response although the impact of implementation of the formula would be significant in terms of health in Blackpool.

**10.0 Risk management considerations:**

10.1 None

**11.0 Ethical considerations:**

11.1 None

**12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:**

12.1 None

**13.0 Background papers:**

13.1 Consultation document- <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/public-health-formula-for-local-authorities-from-april-2016>