

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

TERMS OF REFERENCE- HEALTH PROTECTION FORUM

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 A mechanism for warning and informing on local health protection arrangements within Blackpool was agreed at the Health and Wellbeing Board on 25th September 2015.

The Health and Wellbeing Board agreed that the frequency of reports and updates, would be twice yearly and by exception and that the existing Health Protection Forum becomes part of the formal governance structure reporting into the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Terms of Reference for the group have been drawn up and require approval at the Health and Wellbeing Board and are attached at Appendix 4a.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To approve the Terms of Reference for the Blackpool Health Protection Forum.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 To ensure that there is good and consistent governance processes.

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 Priority is “Improve health and well-being especially for the most disadvantaged”.

5.0 Background Information

5.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board at its meeting on the 2nd September 2015 considered a report on the creation of a Blackpool Health Protection Forum to undertake the Local Authority’s health protection role. The Board agreed to formally create this Forum subject to the approval of a set of terms of reference at a future meeting.

5.2 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.3 List of Appendices:

Appendix 4a: Terms of Reference

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.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 None.

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 None.

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 This proposal has been discussed by the current informal health protection forum.

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 Protecting the health of the local population: the new health protection duty of local authorities under the Local Authorities (Public Health Functions and Entry to Premises by Local Healthwatch Representatives) Regulations 2013. May 2013. Available online at https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/199773/Health_Protection_in_Local_Authorities_Final.pdf

'The new Public Health role of local authorities'. Department of Health, October 2012.

Blackpool's Public Health Annual Report 2014.