# Blackpool CouncilAppendix 11 (d)Overview and Scrutiny - Improving Services for the Community

## **Scrutiny Review Scope**

**Proposed Title** 

Public Health

Scoping Date

28/10/15

#### Criteria and reasons for selecting topic

At the Resilient Communities Scrutiny Committee on 17 September 2015, Members expressed concern that there were a large number of issues raised by the Public Health Annual Report that required detailed consideration and agreed to establish a Panel meeting to consider the annual report in more detail. The Panel would also consider the wider determinants of health and the targets and priorities moving forward. Concern was also expressed that many of the main issues had been known for some time and little progress had been made. The Panel would also consider how progress could be made.

### Which objectives within the Corporate Performance Plan does this topic address?

Improving health and wellbeing especially for the most disadvantaged.

### How is it envisaged that the scrutiny will assist in meeting the objectives listed above?

The Panel meeting will ensure a detailed level of scrutiny of the Public Health Annual Report and make recommendations as appropriate, in line with improving health and wellbeing.

Consideration will also be given to targets and priorities going forward and how progress can be made against these targets (where it has not been made previously) to improve health and wellbeing.

#### What are the main objectives of the scrutiny?

To scrutinise the Public Health Annual Report in appropriate detail and consider how progress could be made in addressing many of the recurrent public health issues identified in the report.

#### What specific issues will be addressed as part of the scrutiny?

- Detailed scrutiny of the Public Health Annual Report
- The wider determinants of health across Blackpool
- The remit, priorities and targets of Public Health and the Health and Wellbeing Board and how targets are being acted upon and progress tracked
- The reasons why progress in improving health and wellbeing previously has been slow
- How progress could be made in addressing the recurrent health issues
- The context of local government budget cuts and its impact on public health

#### What possible outcomes are envisaged in terms of service improvements / benefits to the community?

It is envisaged that that recommendations may help to address long-standing, recurrent issues in relation to health of residents in Blackpool.

How will the public be involved? (consider invitations / press releases for meetings, consultation with community groups / clubs, etc)

Due to the matter to be considered, the public will not be involved in this review.

How will the scrutiny achieve value for money for the Council / Council Tax payers?

Effective scrutiny of the Public Health Annual Report and any recommendations arising from the review will aim to help to improve health outcomes for Blackpool residents.

What primary / new evidence is needed for the scrutiny?

• Public Health Annual Report 2014

What secondary / existing information will be needed? (include background information / existing reports (consider Internal Audit) / legislation / central government information and reports, etc.

- Due North: Report of the Inquiry on Health Equity for the North.
- Details and performance of public health projects

Which Council officers / departments will provide information, advice and assistance for the scrutiny?

Director of Public Health

Cllr Collett, Reducing Health Inequalities and Adult Safeguarding

What type of meetings (e.g. fact finding, evidence gathering, consultations, questioning, site visits), and how many in number are envisaged for the scrutiny?

One meeting will be held to gather evidence and come to conclusions.

Timescales / likely duration of enquiry

A scoping meeting was held on 28 October 2015 and the Panel agreed the review meeting to be held on 8 January 2016.

#### Lead Scrutiny Officer

Chris Kelly, Senior Democratic Governance Adviser (Scrutiny)

#### **Scrutiny Panel Members**

Cllr Benson (Chairman), Cllr Humphreys, Cllr Galley, Cllr Singleton, Cllr O'Hara, Cllr Critchley