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| Key Decision Required | No | In the Forward Plan | No |
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CABINET

17 MARCH 2017

REFERENCE REPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AND PARTNERSHIPS COMMITTEE

A.2 PUBLIC HEALTH

(Report prepared by Karen Neath and Katie Sullivan)

BACKGROUND

At the meeting of the Community Leadership and Partnership Committee on 20 February 2017 the Council's Head of Environmental Services (John Fox) introduced the Council's Public Health Improvement Co-Ordinator (Cassie Barrett) and Essex County Council's Interim Public Health Specialist (Laura Taylor-Green) to the Committee and gave an overview of their roles.

The Council's Public Health Improvement Co-Ordinator gave a presentation to the Committee on Public Health. The presentation covered the following:

- (1) Public Health in Tendring – Local Priorities;
- (2) Clacton Seafront Parkrun;
- (3) Breastfeeding Welcome Scheme;
- (4) Making Every Contact Count (MECC) – Partnership with Provide and Essex County Council Commissioner;
- (5) Housing and Hazard Awareness Project;
- (6) Upcoming Projects; and
- (7) Health and Wellbeing Board.

Officers responded to questions raised by Members on various issues which included:

- Ensuring that the approach to Public Health was district wide;
- Community transport options;
- Reaching out to, and including, those who live in the rural areas of the District;
- Funding for outdoor Gyms;
- Mental Health in Schools; and
- Production of a Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND COMMENTS TO CABINET

It was **AGREED** by the Committee that Cabinet be requested to:-

- (a) look at ways to ensure that public health projects are available across the district;
- (b) look at ways of measuring the success of the work carried out; and
- (c) note concerns that funding was currently in place for a fixed term only and the implications for the future provision of the Public Health Improvement Co-ordinator post.

PORTFOLIO HOLDER'S COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO CABINET

It is recommended that:-

- (a) The Portfolio Holder liaises with officers to ensure that public health projects continue to be implemented across the district.
- (b) The projects continue to be monitored through the Corporate Performance Report and, if necessary, through the local Health and Wellbeing Board alongside evaluation of the projects being undertaken.
- (c) The Council uses its influencing role to liaise with Essex County Council and uses the evaluation of projects to demonstrate outcomes and urge ECC to further fund this post at the end of the current term.