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Community Planning Aberdeen Board

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B U S I N E S S

GENERAL BUSINESS

- 4.1 Review of Public Health in Scotland: Strengthening the Function and re-focusing action for a healthier Scotland - covering report (Pages 3 - 6)

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Progress Report	
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1:	Purpose of the Report
1.1	This report provides a summary of the recommendations of the Review of Public Health in Scotland for consideration by Community Planning Aberdeen.

2:	Summary of Key Information
2.1	Background
2.1.1	<p>The Review of Public Health, announced in 2014, considered the role of the public health function in the context of the emerging policy landscape and current future public health challenges and made recommendations on how the function could be strengthened to respond more effectively to these opportunities and challenges.</p> <p>Public Health has been described as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Being population based – concerned with the factors that make populations(e.g. communities, cities, regions, countries) healthier or unhealthier; b) Emphasising collective responsibility for health, its protection and disease prevention – through the organized efforts of society; c) Recognising the role of the state, and the underlying socio-economic and wider determinants of health and disease, including the distribution of power, resources and opportunities within and across populations; and d) Involving partnership with those who contribute to the health of current and future populations. <p>The Review, chaired by Dr Hamish Wilson, considered analysis of population health in Scotland; stakeholder engagement through written responses and workshops; research analysis and meetings with specific stakeholders. Concluding in February 2016 the Review made recommendations on organisational arrangements, strategy for public health, leadership, public health intelligence and evidence for action, partnership and workforce. Implementation of the recommendations will require an overarching implementation plan to ensure that all elements are</p>

taken forward as a subsequent phase of the public health review. Discussions around implementation have been on hold due to the forthcoming election.

2.2 Key findings/ proposals

The Review made recommendations under five headings:

- 2.2.1 Organisational arrangements: to achieve a more cohesive and accountable public health effort, the Review has proposed an examination of organisational arrangements with potential for rationalisation. It is envisaged that this will provide clarity on the public health activity that should be planned and delivered at local, regional and national levels. This is being led through the shared services review and a report is anticipated in the autumn. All public bodies, and specifically Health Boards and Local Authorities, should be supported to truly become Public Health Organisations.
- 2.2.2 Strategy for Public Health: a shared vision for public health with common goals and common outcomes.
- 2.2.3 Leadership: a number of strands have been identified. Strengthened role of the Directors of Public Health; the Public Health Strategy will be used to generate coherent action and a stronger voice; strengthening public health intelligence - policy and practice more strongly underpinned by research and evidence; population-based data sets to inform priorities; greater co-ordination of academic public health.
- 2.2.4 Partnership: the Review called for an enhanced role for public health specialists within Community Planning Partnerships (CPPs) and Integrated Joint Boards (IJBs). Public Health, as a discipline, needs to be represented at, and contributing to, CPPs and IJBs. Guidance on the public health contribution required was set out in Annex F of the report. The potential of third sector organisations was acknowledged.
- 2.2.5 Workforce: there should be a workforce development strategy for public health in Scotland.

In conclusion, the Public Health Review emphasised the cost effectiveness of preventive approaches and a wide appetite for a more active public health effort in Scotland. The Review findings have been welcomed.

2.3 Next steps/ conclusion

- 2.3.1 Implementation of the recommendations in the report will require an overarching plan to ensure that all elements are taken forward in partnership, as a subsequent phase of the public health review. Details of the implementation plan are still awaited.

3	Recommendations for Action
3.1	<p>The Board is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Note the recommendations from the Review of Public Health in Scotland and the implications for Community Planning Aberdeen. ii) Consider the guidance for CPPs on their public health contribution and identify opportunities to strengthen current support to Aberdeen City along with the potential for collaborative support across the North East e.g. Public health intelligence iii) Consider what it means for Community Planning Aberdeen to be a Public Health 'Organisation' and the leadership, intelligence and workforce development required to achieve this ambition. iv) Consider how Community Planning Aberdeen would wish to inform national discussions on the implementation of the Review of Public Health in Scotland.

4	Opportunities and Risks
4.1	The recommendations from the review provide Community Planning Aberdeen with the opportunity to examine current focus on public health and identify any areas to be strengthened.

5:	Consultation
5.1	Widespread consultation was undertaken as part of the public health review and a summary of the analysis of responses to the engagement paper was produced. No response was received from Aberdeen City.

6:	Background Papers
6.1	<p>The following paper was used in the preparation of this report.</p> <p>http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Health/Healthy-Living/Public-Health-Review</p>

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