

Committee: Health Scrutiny Panel	Date: 13 November 2012	Classification: Unrestricted	Report No.	Agenda Item No. 1
Report of: Assistant Chief Executive		Title: Health Priorities for Children living in Tower Hamlets		
Originating Officer: Robert Driver, Strategy, Policy and Performance Officer		Wards: All		

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This agenda item will provide the Health Scrutiny Panel with updates from Tower Hamlets Clinical Commissioning Group, Barts Health NHS Trust, Public Health and the Children and Families Partnership on their respective health priorities for children living in Tower Hamlets and how the different organisations work together to achieve their health objectives for this group.
- 1.2 This report contains two key documents which provide a background to the Partnership approach taken towards improving health outcomes for children living in Tower Hamlets.
- 1.3 Appendix 1 contains the Children and Families Plan 2012-15. The Children and Families Plan 2012-15 has been developed by the Children and Families Partnership to provide a framework for partnership working to continue to improve outcomes for children and families in Tower Hamlets. This was agreed by Cabinet in October 2012.
- 1.4 Appendix 2 contains a report from Public Health highlighting health priorities and objectives for children living in Tower Hamlets.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Health Scrutiny Panel is asked to consider and comment on the information contained in the Children and Families Plan 2012-15.
- 2.2 The Health Scrutiny Panel is asked to consider and comment on how the Tower Hamlets Clinical Commissioning Group, Barts Health NHS Trust, Public Health and the Children and Families Partnership work together to achieve their respective health objectives for children living in Tower Hamlets.

3. COMMENTS OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

- 3.1 This report describes the health priorities for Children in Tower Hamlets from the following groups: Tower Hamlets Clinical Commissioning Group; Barts Health NHS Trust; and the Public Health and the Children and Families Partnership.
- 3.2 There are no specific financial implications emanating from this report. However, if the Council agrees further action in response to this report's recommendations then officers will be obliged to seek the appropriate financial approval before further financial commitments are made

4. CONCURRENT REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (LEGAL)

- 4.1 The Health Scrutiny Panel is a standing sub-committee of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee which exercises health scrutiny functions provided for in section 244 of the National Health Service Act 2006 and the Local Authority (Overview and Scrutiny Committees Health Scrutiny Functions) Regulations 2002. Primarily these functions cover the review and scrutiny of matters relating to the planning, provision and operation of health services in Tower Hamlets. The Children and Families Plan deals with health outcomes and, to this extent, it is appropriate for the Panel to consider and comment on the Plan.

5. ONE TOWER HAMLETS CONSIDERATIONS

- 5.1 The Children and Families Plan 2012-15 is targeted at meeting the need of our most vulnerable children and families. The focus is on addressing gaps in support for groups such as young carers, teenage parents and their children, children in need or with a child protection plan, underachieving children at school and young people being bullied. The plan, with a focus on vulnerable groups, therefore addresses issues of inequality and promotes community cohesion in the borough.

6. SUSTAINABLE ACTION FOR A GREENER ENVIRONMENT

- 6.1 There are no Sustainable Action for a Greener Environment implications.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no Risk Management implications

8. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 There are no Crime and Disorder Reduction implications

9. EFFICIENCY STATEMENT

- 9.1 The Children and Families Plan 2012-15 and the Public Health report support this theme and include the provision for more effective and joined up services in their plans, that allow the Council to work efficiently and effectively together with its health partners in delivering value for money services.

10. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 - Children and Families Plan 2012-15

Appendix 2 – Public Health Briefing on Health Priorities

**Local Government Act, 1972 Section 100D (As amended)
List of “Background Papers” used in the preparation of this report**

Brief description of “background papers”

Name and telephone number of holder and address where open to inspection.

None

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