

Officer Response – ESCW Directorate (AHWB) - to questions raised at OSC on 5th February 2013

- 1. Referencing the tabled Officer response on the Council's new public health roles for infection control and prevention, and the comment therein that "The Council needs to determine if there is a budget issue before it can act", whether the new roles went beyond that provided for in the budget of £31.2 million transferring from the NHS to the Council to accompany the transfer of PH responsibilities.**

A Although the resources were likely to provide for the new responsibilities, it would require further examination to be certain. **Written response to be provided.**

Response:

"Now that we have been given the PH allocation, Officers have commissioned an independent Due Diligence Review to check the staff and contracts being transferred to the Borough against the allocation. Once we have that report we will raise with Members if there are any issues identified that relate to these new responsibilities".

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