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**Title of meeting: Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel**

**Subject:** Public Health Update

**Date of meeting: 7 March 2017**

**Report by: Dr Jason Horsley, Director of Public Health**

**Wards affected: All**

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**1. Requested by**  
**The Health Overview & Oversight Panel**

**2. Purpose**  
Information

**3. Information Requested**

**Update on Public Health since new director arrived**

***My approach to public health and main priorities***

1. Review the role of public health to focus more heavily on what we can do to change the environments within which people make lifestyle decisions (when we consciously or subconsciously make a decision that can impact on our health, what is the role of the physical, social and legislative environment around this, and how can we shape these environments to help us make the decisions that best improve our health)
2. Focus on interventions that have the greatest ability to improve the populations health
  - a. Reducing smoking
  - b. Reduce physical inactivity
    - i. Main method of doing this - Achieving a modal shift in transport (getting people out of cars wherever possible)

***Actions since arriving in post***

1. Meeting team and internal / external partners
2. Aligning action plans against priorities as above
3. Reviewing structures of the public health team and how well they align with outcomes we are expecting, and putting capacity against priority areas.
4. Looking at where our main priorities are and what we should be aiming to achieve with reduced capacity.
5. Looking at areas where there are possibilities to benefit from joint appointment

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- a. Immediate examples - combining resources of both sites to refresh the pharmacy needs assessment (statutory requirement)
  - b. Using existing expertise in Southampton around designing combined children's / young person's services to apply to the process here in Portsmouth.
  - c. Using expertise in commissioning substance misuse services
6. Appointed to consultant posts to replace proportion of senior leaders who left during last 12 months - new appointments hopefully arriving soon will give more capacity for senior leadership on population health.
  7. Scoping joint working within the council and with partners

***What do the data suggest are big problems in Portsmouth relative to the rest of the country? (Data from Public Health Outcomes Framework)***

- Dying young from cancer / cardiovascular disease / respiratory disease
- Children's health - child poverty, low school attendance, high levels of NEETs
- High levels of social isolation
- High smoking prevalence in adults and young people
- High admissions for self-harm
- High levels of Killed / Seriously injured on the roads
- High levels of injuries from falls (high hip fractures too)
- Poor screening levels for cancer screening

***Challenges***

- Capacity (joint appointment, smaller team)
- Budget shrinking (PH grant cuts, need to consider business rates implications)
- Team recently reorganised - still emerging roles
- Need to prioritise

***Opportunities***

- Using best bits from both sites (Southampton and Portsmouth)
- Ability to develop strong links
- Capturing economic growth to improve health (good employment)

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Signed by (Director)

**Appendices:** None

**Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972**

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location
Public Health Outcomes Framework for Portsmouth	<a href="http://www.phoutcomes.info/">http://www.phoutcomes.info/</a>