

**1. Cabinet decisions since the last Executive Member report to the County Council**

1.1 There were Cabinet meetings on 15 December 2014, 19 January 2015, 23 February 2015 and 23 March 2015 since the last Executive Member report to the County Council. There were no items of business specifically attributed to this portfolio.

**2. Consequences of Cabinet decisions before the last meeting of the County Council**

2.1 None

**3. Anticipated/ future decisions to be made by Cabinet**

3.1 There are no anticipated / future decisions to be made Cabinet for this portfolio.

**4. Key Partnerships**

4.1 I can report that over 200 trained health champions for mental health help are now in Hertfordshire workplaces, and we will continue to build on this number. Our conference for employers on health in the workplace will be held on 25 March. I also launched last month a new network of Hertfordshire Employers who will be champions for workplace health and wellbeing. Pitney Bowes, NGK Spark Plugs, National Power, RES Energy, Rothamsted and Morrisons Utilities are among those who took part.

4.2 The work of public health to support service effectiveness continues:

- Public Health funded the external evaluation of effectiveness of drug intervention on arrest, which was undertaken in partnership with the police and community safety. As a result of this the drug arrest work is being redesigned.
- Public Health has funded the bringing in of secondments from CAADA, an expert domestic abuse agency to support us addressing domestic abuse
- Public Health is leading the review of Child and Adolescent Mental Health on behalf of Children's Services and the NHS, which is due to report shortly. Over 100 young people, carers and parents have been engaged, and over 300 stakeholders and agencies
- Public Health will fund and host a review of drug and alcohol services for children and young people

**4.3 Armed Forces Community Covenant**

- During the Christmas period, the Board also oversaw another successful Christmas Schools Artwork Competition. This year, over 1000 entries were received, the best of which were sent to the troops in Sierra Leone. The winning school was Summerswood Primary School in Borehamwood

- The County Council has recently been agreed that the Blue Badge application fee be waived for anyone disabled as a direct result of being injured in conflict whilst in active service. We have also recently agreed to waive road closure fees for residents wishing to hold street parties to celebrate VE Day.
- In addition, the Ministry of Defence have recognised Hertfordshire County Council as part of their Employer recognition Scheme by nominating it for a Silver Award. The Silver Award recognises those who have actively demonstrated support for Defence personnel and is a strong endorsement of the County's work on its Community Covenant.

#### 4.4 Hertfordshire Lifestyle and Legacy Partnership (HLLP)

- The most recent meeting of the partnership, held on 3rd March 2015, was very positive with partners providing a strong endorsement of the work of the partnership going forward. There was also support from partners to develop a bid for European funding to undertake further work in this area.

### 5. **Other comments**

- Smokefree Hertfordshire, Hertfordshire's multi-agency Tobacco Control Alliance held their second annual Tobacco Control Conference on 29th January with Professor Robert West, Cancer Research UK, giving the keynote speech. I launched two new campaigns, including a campaign on smoking in Pregnancy, which has been designed with pregnant women and is the first campaign to trial a new, more targeted and evidence based social marketing approach to public information which Communications and Public Health have been working on together.
- The Public Health and Localism Panel approved Hertfordshire's Tobacco Harm Reduction Guidance on 5th February 2015, which encourages all smokers to quit smoking and offers help to smokers to reduce their smoking if they are not yet ready to quit smoking in one step.
- 101 care homes registered for the voluntary Infection Prevention and Control in Care Homes Assurance Programme with 80 returning a completed toolkit. Each home received detailed feedback and individual recommendations for further improvement.
- The Minister for Public Health recognised two Hertfordshire programmes, MOVE WEEK and the Hertfordshire Asian Women's Association in her Public Health Excellence award in Parliament this week. Four others were nominated including our Workplace Health work, Early HIV testing uptake by HertsAid our provider agency and two County Council Officers, Jez Cox for his work on cycling and Sian Price for her work on health walks. Hertfordshire had the single biggest number of people recognised of any area.
- The County Councils Network and District Councils Network have approached Hertfordshire as an exemplar of how Public Health in two tier areas can work. We are currently in discussion with them.

- The County's draft Voluntary Sector Commissioning Strategy has now been published and is currently out for consultation with a wide range of stakeholders across Hertfordshire. The Voluntary and Community sector is being consulted at meetings being held by the Hertfordshire Community Foundation, demonstrating our approach to partnership working.
- The process of 'refreshing' the Hertfordshire COMPACT has started with work being done to look at the national 2010 document in order to update our local version. This document outlines the shared partnership principles in relations between the Statutory and Voluntary and Community sectors in the County.
- The Council's four Volunteering Pilot areas have now developed detailed proposals about the innovative work they want to undertake in their communities and are receiving feedback about their plans. Three out of four are likely to be awarded a small amount of money in the near future to support these activities.
- Following an initial consultation with parish and town councils on a charter, I have been working with the Hertfordshire Association of Parish and Town Councils (HAPTC) to further develop this document which has been re-titled as a statement of 'Partnership Principles'.

## **6. Cabinet Panels**

- 6.1 Since the last Executive Member report to Council, the Public Health and Localism Cabinet Panel has met on 5 February 2015 and 19 March 2015. The matters discussed can be found at the following locations:

5 February 2015

<https://cmis.hertsdirect.org/hertfordshire/Calendarofcouncilmeetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/63/Committee/24/Default.aspx>

19 March 2015

[http://www.hertsdirect.org/your-council/civic\\_calendar/publichealthlocalismcp/18340697/](http://www.hertsdirect.org/your-council/civic_calendar/publichealthlocalismcp/18340697/)

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