

**PORTFOLIO: PUBLIC HEALTH, PREVENTION AND PERFORMANCE****1. Cabinet decisions since the last meeting of County Council**

- 1.1 There will have been 4 Cabinet meetings (18 December 2017, 22 January 2018, 19 February 2018 and 19 March 2018) since the last Executive Report to County Council on 21 November 2017. There were no items of business specifically attributed to this portfolio.

**2. Consequences of Cabinet decisions before the last meeting of the County Council on 21 November 2017**

- 2.1 On 25 September 2017 Cabinet agreed the proposed approach to re-commission a Family Centre Service. That procurement process has now been completed and the contract to provide an integrated range of services including Children's Centres, School Nurses and Health Visitors for the next six years has been awarded. The name of the successful bidder cannot be publicly released at the time of writing.

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

- 3.1 None at this time from this portfolio.

**4. Key Partnerships**

- 4.1 Work on the County Council's Prevention Strategy is ongoing and an update report was presented to the Public Health, Prevention and Performance Cabinet Panel on 12 March 2018 (see link in paragraph 6.1).
- 4.2 Deborah Fielding has taken over as the full-time leader for the [Hertfordshire and West Essex Sustainability and Transformation Plan \(STP\)](#). Previously Chief Executive of West Essex CCG, she is committed to the principles and vision of our area's STP and has said that we can only improve our health and wellbeing by working together in new ways with the public, health and social care employees.

**5. Other comments**

- 5.1 Changes to the location of sexual health hubs over the coming months mean that the clinic on the West Herts Hospital site in St Albans will be closed and a new clinic will be opened in Hatfield Town Centre. This is ideally situated to be very accessible to service users and £750k has been allocated to ensure that the facilities meet all service needs. Sexual health services will continue to be delivered in St Albans at an upgraded clinic at the Principle Health Centre.
- 5.2 Hertfordshire's Year of Physical Activity ([HertsYOPA18](#)) aims to get everyone in the County active. The year got off to a great start with two new

Parkruns at Letchworth and Hartham Common, and I participated in the New Year's Day run at Gadebridge. There is a different theme every month so everyone can get involved. February focussed on workforce development and volunteering, whilst March and April will see activities aimed at young people and older adults respectively.

- 5.3 [A new campaign](#) has been launched to encourage young people in Hertfordshire to 'Just Talk' about their mental health. With one in 10 children aged 5 to 16 having a significant mental health problem, helping young people to open up and get support is vital. Health, council and community and voluntary organisations from across Hertfordshire are working together to promote Just Talk and schools are holding Just Talk assemblies and lessons to normalise conversations about mental health.
- 5.4 Around 80 professionals working with young people in Hertfordshire attended the [Just Talk: Protecting and improving young people's mental health event](#) on 21 February 2018. They reflected on the impact and lessons of the [Just Talk campaign](#) and celebrated the achievements of young people.
- 5.5 More than 60 members and officers from county and districts attended a seminar on Air Quality on 23 January 2018. The event was chaired by the Chief Executive of the UK Health Forum, Paul Lincoln with the aim of highlighting and discussing the unquestionable impact of poor air quality. The clear consensus was that a countywide strategy is needed to deal with the problem.
- 5.6 Hertfordshire is planning some 100,000 new homes over the next fifteen years. The Hertfordshire Forward event on 13 February 2018 looked at how these can be delivered in a way that is viable, sustainable and with the necessary infrastructure, whilst supporting positive social outcomes and providing enhanced quality of life for new and existing residents. The event included a presentation from Jim McManus, Director of Public Health, emphasising the importance of considering health as part of these developments.

## **6. Cabinet Panels**

- 6.1 Since the last Executive Report to Council, the Public Health Prevention and Performance Cabinet Panel has met on 2 February 2018 and 12 March 2018. The matters discussed can be found at the following locations:

[Public Health, Prevention and Performance Cabinet Panel - 2 February 2018](#)

[Public Health, Prevention and Performance Cabinet Panel - 12 March 2018](#)

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