PUBLIC HEALTH REDUCED BUDGET TOPIC GROUP

The Recommendations of the Public Health Reduced Budget Topic Group are:

- Public Health Executive Member should write a letter to the Department of Health relating to the upcoming review of the mandation of Health Visitors. This letter should include a request to not impose restrictions to local government on how this service and the included checks are provided and by whom. The letter should ask for outcomes to be mandated to particular or numbers of staff.
- 2. Further consideration should be given by Public Health to explore, with the support of the Children's Services Department, which services are provided by Health Visitors and those that can be administered from Children's Centres by their qualified staff.
 - a. That Public Health should explore where funding reductions can be mitigated through joint HCC and NHS ventures. (Conc. 4.3)
 - b. That a report be compiled of the projects that have had involvement from sporting organisations to be shared with members as well as at the next meeting of Public Health HCC and its district and borough partners.
 - c. District and borough engagement is essential to the success of Public Health work across the county. District and borough Members should be encouraged to engage more fully.
 - d. That Public Health arranges meetings with school leads, such as SENCOs and governors outside of the annual conference, to discuss and agree an overarching health policy and health framework for schools. It is suggested that governor be appointed to champion Health. This should seek to include mental health as well as physical health, and sexual and relationships education.
 - e. That Public Health oversees the compilation of a report from districts and boroughs to be shared with all members which identifies:
 - the Public Health projects that were tried and tested in Year 1
 - the Public Health projects that stopped in Year 2 and the reasons for this
 - the Public Health projects that have continued with any relevant partnerships in place to support these.

The full report can be viewed at <u>The Public Health Reduced Budget Topic Group</u>