### Title: Scoping the Cancer Prevention, Awareness and Early Detection Scrutiny Review

#### Report of the Director of Public Health

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#### Summary:

The Health and Adult Services Select Committee (HASSC), at its last meeting on 19 July 2016, agreed that the area it wished to investigate in 2016/17 via an in-depth scrutiny review would be Cancer.

As requested by the HASSC, this report proposes the scope of the Review, including terms of reference and a work plan that outlines a time-line for the evidence sessions members will take part in and the production of the end report with recommendations to improve outcomes and practice.

#### Recommendation(s)

The HASSC is recommended to review and agree the proposed terms of reference and scope for this Scrutiny Review.

#### Reason(s)

It is best practice to produce a scoping report prior to commencing an in-depth scrutiny review so that members and officers can give direction to the review, consider what evidence will form the basis of recommendations and have a time-line for completion.

The topic of Cancer Prevention, Awareness and Early Detection relates to the Council’s priority to ‘Enable Social Responsibility’ and the objectives to ‘protect the most vulnerable, keeping adults and children healthy and safe’ and ‘ensure everyone can access good quality healthcare when they need it’.
1. **Introduction and Background**

1.1 Every year each of the Council’s select committees agrees a work programme which lists the areas it wishes to scrutinise in the current municipal year. As well as one-off agenda items, the work programme often includes a more-in-depth investigation into a particular area of concern that is relevant to the committee’s remit, which usually involves members attending sessions outside of the standard evening meetings scheduled for the year. At its meeting on 19 July 2016, the HASSC was presented with a Work Programme report for 2016/17 which provided three topic options for an in-depth scrutiny review. These were cancer, oral health in people with learning difficulties and teenage pregnancy.

1.2 Having considered the information provided in the three option papers, the HASSC agreed that whilst all three topics put forward for consideration were important areas in their own right; and as time and resources would only permit one in-depth scrutiny review in 2016/17, Cancer would be the right topic to undertake a scrutiny review on this year. Due to the scale of the issue locally, and the serious implications on people’s health, it was felt that an in-depth review into this topic would potentially, add most value.

2. **Proposal and Issues**

2.1 At the July meeting members noted that:

- Barking and Dagenham has the lowest net survival rate amongst London and West Essex CCGs, ranking lowest out of 33 CCGs;
- More than 40% of all cancers are linked to behaviour and environmental exposures which could be avoided or reduced. Factors that also contribute to poor outcomes in Barking and Dagenham include poor awareness of the signs and symptoms, and late detection and diagnosis.
- B&D has a higher rate of cancers diagnosed in A&E than the England average (B&D – 29.2%; England – 20.6%).

2.2 At the meeting members commented that some of the followings issues could be explored as part of the Cancer Scrutiny Review, in addition to, or alongside the above issues:

- Whether Black and Minority Ethnic groups were more likely to get cancer and at what average age;
- Whether the borough’s residents were more likely to get cancer and what the average age was, in comparison to similar areas; and
- Whether residents from the EU who were living in the borough had a higher smoking prevalence rate and therefore, a higher prevalence rate for smoking related cancers.

2.3 Members asked officers to produce a scoping report for the Review which should include a proposed set of terms of reference and work plan to provide information on the evidence to be considered as part of the Review, and give an indication of the timetable for completing the review.
3. Title and Terms of Reference

3.1 Due to restrictions on time and resources, officers suggest that the focus of the review be on factors that may help prevent cancer and increase early detection, as this appears to be a particular issue for the borough. Officers therefore propose that the title of the Scrutiny Review be “Cancer Prevention, Awareness and Early Detection” and that the following three key questions form the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the scrutiny review:

1. Why are residents of Barking and Dagenham more likely to develop cancer and less likely to survive cancer than residents in other London boroughs?
2. What is the reason that residents are less likely to respond to requests to screen for cancer than in other London boroughs?
3. What is the reason that residents are not as aware of the signs and symptoms of cancer as residents in other London boroughs?

4. Proposed Work Plan

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| Weds 11 Jan 2017 | Views of residents - awareness and early diagnosis  
Presentation - outcome of B&D Cancer Awareness Measure and how we can support the increasing number of cancer survivors. | 2 and 3 |
| Weds 1 Mar 2017 | Presentation of draft scrutiny review report and recommendations. (Cabinet Member for Social Care & Health Integration to be invited) | 1, 2 and 3 |
| Weds 3 May 2017 | Final report and recommendations. | 1, 2 and 3 |
5. National and local context on cancer awareness and early diagnosis

5.1 The first session listed in the table above will take place at this meeting (7 September). The slide pack attached at Appendix 1 gives context on cancer prevention and diagnosis, and will be presented by Matthew Cole, the Council’s Director of Public Health and Kate Kavanagh, Cancer Commissioning Manager for Barking, Havering and Redbridge Clinical Commissioning Groups.

6. Background information

6.1 Members are recommended to familiarise themselves with the reading materials listed under background papers which will be referred to throughout the preparation of the scrutiny report.


7. Financial Implications

7.1 The costs for undertaking this scrutiny review will need to be met from existing Scrutiny and Public Health budgets.

8. Legal Implications

Implications completed by: Paul Field, Senior Lawyer, Law and Governance

8.1 There are no legal implications arising directly from this report.

Background Papers Used in the Preparation of the Report:

None.

List of appendices:

Appendix 1 Cancer - context setting presentation