### HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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### Summary:

This paper is to update the Board on the draft updated action plan and invite comments regarding any gaps and future actions.

At the start of the 2015/16 municipal year, the Health & Adult Services Select Committee (HASSC) agreed to undertake an in-depth scrutiny review into cancer prevention, awareness, and early detection.

The scrutiny review addressed 3 questions:

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?

Twelve recommendations for action were agreed. The resulting draft action plan has been produced for discussion at the Health and Wellbeing Board.

### Recommendation(s)

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:

1. Consider the report and action plan
2. Endorse the updated action plan and review implementation in six months

### Reason(s):

Overview and Scrutiny (or Scrutiny) is a statutory function – a power by which decision-makers can be held to account on behalf of the public. It has main role is in holding the Health and wellbeing Board to account. Scrutiny provides independent examination of policies and decisions about local services, whether provided by the Council or external organisations, and opportunities to champion issues of local concern. Scrutiny checks what is happening against what should be happening and plays a similar role to that of Select Committees in Parliament.
1. Introduction and Background

1.1 In the municipal year 2017/18, the Health & Adult Services Select Committee (HASSC) undertook an in-depth scrutiny review into cancer prevention, awareness, and early detection.

1.2 The review report and proposed action plan was presented and approved at the Health and Wellbeing Board in September 2017.

2. Proposals and Issues

2.1 The Cancer scrutiny review report made 12 key recommendations to the Health and Wellbeing Board and partners to help improve the health and cancer awareness and early intervention and raise the profile of cancer awareness in the borough.

3. Scrutiny Review Report

3.1 The HASSC was consulted on the draft report in March 2017 and Councillor Worby, the Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care, and Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board, also had an opportunity to view the recommendations.

3.2 The progress plan against the 12 actions is detailed in Appendix 1. The Board if decided, will focus one of the themes of the joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy on early detection of disease.

4. Financial Implications

Implications completed by: Katherine Heffernan, Service Finance Group Manager:

This report is mainly for information, providing an update on scrutiny review and action plan for cancer prevention, awareness, and early detection in the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham. As such, there are no financial implications arising directly from the report.

6. Legal Implications

Implications completed by: Dr. Paul Feild Senior Governance Lawyer

There are no specific legal implications arising from this report at this time

List of Appendices

Appendix 1 – HASSC Cancer Review Draft Action Plan