#### **HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**

## 10 September 2019

Title:	Progress report - The Cancer Prevention, Awareness, and Early Detection Scrutiny Review		
Report	of the Director of Public Health		
Open Report		For Information	
Wards Affected: ALL		Key Decision: NO	
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## Summary:

At the start of the 2015/16 municipal year, the Health Scrutiny Committee 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?

This paper which was deferred at the meeting of the Board on 11 June 2019 provides a progress update the Board on implementing the eleven recommendations of the Scrutiny Review.

#### Recommendation(s)

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to

- I. Review progress on implementation of the eleven recommendations and
- II. Discuss and comment on any gaps and future actions.

#### Reason(s):

In line with standard scrutiny practice, a six-monthly monitoring report should be presented to the Board to provide an update on the progress of the recommendations in order to help the Committee evaluate the effectiveness of this scrutiny review and to what extent it has helped improve services for our Borough's residents.

## 1. Introduction and Background

- 1.1 In the municipal year 2017/18, the Health Scrutiny Committee undertook an in-depth scrutiny review into cancer prevention, awareness, and early detection.
- 1.2 The review report and proposed action plan were presented and approved at the Health and Wellbeing Board in September 2018.

#### 2. Proposals and Issues

- 2.1 The Cancer Scrutiny Review report made 11 key recommendations to the Health and Wellbeing Board to help improve the cancer awareness and early intervention in the borough.
- 2.2 The 'Barking and Dagenham, Havering and Redbridge Cancer Transformation Plan on a page' is attached in **Appendix 1**. The priorities are at the top followed by the next tier of objectives for the year and then lower layer of key initiatives.

#### 3. Scrutiny Review Report

- 3.1 The Health Scrutiny Committee reviewed the draft report in March 2017 and Councillor Worby, the Cabinet Member for Social Care & Health Integration, and Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board, also had an opportunity to view the recommendations.
- 3.2 Progress against the 11 recommendations is attached as **Appendix 2**.

The Board if decided, will focus one of the themes of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy on early detection.

#### 4. Other Strategic documents

**Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)** - The Barking and Dagenham JSNA highlights Achieving World Class Outcomes: A Strategy for England. The scrutiny review and linked action plan address the ambitions of the England Strategy and specifically the lower 1-year survival rate of Borough residents.

**Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy -** The scrutiny review supports the ambitions of the borough's Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

**Early adulthood** - More women will protect themselves through taking up the offer of screening for cervical cancer.

**Established adults -** More adults will take up the opportunity to protect themselves through cancer screening (cervical, bowel and breast).

**Older adults -** More older adults take up the opportunity to protect themselves through cancer screening (bowel and breast).

#### 5. Financial and Legal Implications

# 5.1 Not required.

# **Public Background Papers Used in the Preparation of the Report**None

# List of Appendices

Appendix 1	Barking, Havering and Redbridge Cancer Transformation Plan
Appendix 2	Health Scrutiny Committee Cancer Scrutiny Review Action Plan