

CABINET COMMENTS ON THE REPORT OF THE HEALTH AND ADULT SERVICES SELECT COMMITTEE

The Lead Member of the Health and Adult Services Select Committee, Councillor Twomey, presented the Select Committee's final report of its in-depth review of the impact of smoking within the Borough to Cabinet on 15 March 2011.

The Chair placed on record the Cabinet's appreciation of the Select Committee's work.

Cabinet supported the review with the following comments:

- **Recommendations 6 and 7 relating to schools and governing bodies** - The proposals for greater peer-led interventions in schools were particularly welcomed. The importance of the role of Councillors who are members of school governing bodies was highlighted in this respect, and it was suggested that future Member Development sessions should address these issues.
- **Recommendation 8 relating to the Youth Stop Smoking Service** – It was suggested that the dangers of smoking should be conveyed by Youth Workers as strongly as the messages regarding drink and drugs. The links between bullying for money and smoking were noted.
- **Recommendation 10 relating to adult proxy purchasing** - The need was identified for shopkeepers to be
 - i) reminded of their obligations regarding the sale of tobacco products to children and
 - ii) educated on adult proxy purchasing and ways to prevent it.
- **Recommendation 16 relating to the Council's pension fund investment strategy** – It was noted that
 - i) the Pensions Panel has asked for a report on the issue of ethical investments which will include companies that have an association with tobacco, and
 - ii) the underlying objective of the fund is to operate in the best interests of its members.

All the comments above will be taken into account when the action plan for implementation of the recommendations is drawn up and will be monitored by the Select Committee in six months.