

REPORT TO: POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE, 10TH JUNE 2002

REPORT ON: NHS TAYSIDE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S ANNUAL REPORT, 2001

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE PLANNING

REPORT NO: 481-2002

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To acknowledge the key issues raised by NHS Tayside's Director of Public Health in his Annual Report and propose the way forward for the Local Authority in helping to address these.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the Council:-

Notes the recommendations of the DPH Annual Report 2001 with implications for Dundee City Council Departments and services.

Remits the Director of Corporate Planning to identify Dundee City Council's response as part of the development of corporate health improvement priorities (see Report No. 480-2002).

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no additional financial implications for the Council.

4. LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

Addressing health inequalities and improving public health is consistent with the theme of protecting health and preventing illness.

5. EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

The Public Health Improvement Officer and emerging Corporate Health Network will help ensure equality of access to services that impact on the well being of communities.

6. ANTI POVERTY IMPLICATIONS

The report is consistent with the Council's Anti Poverty Strategy, in particular through delivering services that help reduce health inequalities.

7. BACKGROUND

7.1 The Director of Public Health presented the key issues from his 2001 Annual Report to the Policy and Resources Committee at their meeting on the 13th May 2002. The DPH acknowledged positive developments such as the Health Improvement Fund, the work of The Corner, the Public Health Improvement Officer post and the Healthy Dundee Partnership. However, the key areas for concern from the Directorate of Public Health perspective included issues such as:

- Nutrition in elderly people.

- Dental Health inequalities.
- Tobacco advertising.
- Teenage pregnancy.
- Life expectancy and poverty.
- Unemployment rate.
- Meningitis C consent form.

7.2 Dundee City Council's Public Health Improvement Officer is in the process of establishing a Corporate Health Network. An early task for that group will be to consider the DPH's recommendations and agree the joint public health issues, where partnership working between NHS Tayside and the Local Authority can help promote good public health. This will include working closely with the NHS Health Improvement Committee and Healthy Dundee. The Public Health Improvement Officer will help facilitate collaborative working between the sectors, where appropriate.

The Health Network will also confirm Council health improvement priorities and the Public Health Improvement Officer will support measures developed in response. These will be presented in an annual update report to Policy and Resources Committee by the Director of Corporate Planning, stating the progress made in achieving targets corporately, and in conjunction with partner organisations.

8. **CONSULTATION**

All elected members have been informed of public health priorities through the Director of Public Health's presentation to the Policy and Resource Committee on 13 May 2002.

9. **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Health and Well Being in Tayside.
Annual Report of the Director of Public Health
NHS Tayside
2001

Director of Corporate Planning _____ Date _____