

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Housing and Environment
DATE	26 August 2014
DIRECTOR	Pete Leonard
TITLE OF REPORT	Grampian Joint Health Protection Plan
REPORT NUMBER:	H&E-14-061
CHECKLIST RECEIVED	Yes

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The Public Health etc (Scotland) Act 2008 places a duty on Health Boards and Local Authorities to co-operate on health protection matters, and produce a Local Health Protection Plan. This report seeks Committee approval of the draft Grampian Joint Health Protection Plan for the period 2014 to 2016. (Appended to this Report)

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

- (a) That the Committee approves the Grampian Joint Health Protection Plan appended to this report.
- (b) That the Committee instructs the Director of Housing and Environment to ensure that the health protection priorities outlined in the plan continue to be resourced.
- (c) That the report is referred, for information, to the Social Care and Wellbeing Committee.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Joint Health Protection Plan is a formalisation of existing partnership working arrangements between NHS Grampian and Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire and Moray Councils. As such the delivery of the plan can be met within the existing budget for statutory services, provided there is no reduction in financial or staffing resources

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

The Joint Health Protection plan links to the Environmental Health and Trading Standards Service plans including a number of statutory

service plans that sit beneath this. The plan also links to the work in a number of other services across the council

5. BACKGROUND/MAIN ISSUES

Aberdeen City Council works closely with partners in NHS Grampian, Aberdeenshire Council, Moray Council, and other agencies to deliver services to protect the health of the Grampian population.

Health Protection is now the accepted term to describe the work that encompasses the surveillance, investigation, control and prevention of communicable disease and environmental hazards to human health.

This Joint Health Protection Plan (JHPP) provides an overview of health protection priorities, provision and preparedness for NHS Grampian, Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire and The Moray Councils as required by the Public Health etc (Scotland) Act 2008.

This is the third Grampian Joint Health Protection Plan and covers the period from 2014 to 2016 and has been prepared by NHS Grampian in collaboration with Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire and The Moray Councils.

In the 2014-16 Plan the three Local Authorities have presented their activities and highlighted various aspects of their work. The JHPP links to other service delivery plans across Grampian, and also the Single Outcome Agreements (see section 6, below).

The main section of the plan describes the national and local priorities for health protection and what actions are planned over the next two years. The appendices provide more detail on the planning infrastructure, resources and operational arrangements, capacity and resilience, and public involvement.

In addition to Aberdeen City's Housing and Environment Committee, the JHPP will be considered by the following Council and NHS Committees:

- NHS Grampian Board
- Aberdeenshire Council Infrastructure Service Committee
- The Moray Council Planning & Regulatory Services Committee

6. IMPACT

Corporate –

The JHPP links to the Community Plan and Single Outcome Agreement overall vision of Aberdeen to be an attractive, clean, healthy and safe place to live and work

The JHPP also links to the following objectives in the Council's 5 year Corporate Business Plan:

- We will protect the health, safety and rights of consumers and the public through developing a more focused and improved Environmental Health & Trading Standards service and Public Analyst service
- We will play our part in partnership working on community safety, protecting vulnerable people, health and wellbeing and other community planning priorities
- We will work to protect the public from poor-quality, private sector housing and to maintain the built environment and granite heritage
- We will contribute to a greener, cleaner and safer city through developing and improving our Grounds Maintenance and Street Cleaning services

Public - This report is likely to be of interest to the public, as it refers to the arrangements in place for health protection in Grampian.

Equalities and Human Rights Impact

An assessment has been completed for the JHPP. The JHPP has an overall positive effect on inequalities in health which it seeks to address through targeted interventions aimed at protecting those most at risk from a variety of communicable diseases and environmental hazards

7. MANAGEMENT OF RISK

The Public Health etc (Scotland) Act 2008) places a duty on Health Boards and Local Authorities to co-operate on health protection matters, and produce a Local Health Protection Plan. Should the plan not be approved by committee there will be a risk that the Council fails to properly implement statutory requirement. This may lead to legal challenges, censure by central Government and its agencies, this in turn would lead to serious reputational damage and may even require emergency measures to be put in place to rectify any failings.

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Draft Joint Health Protection Plan (Appendix)

9. REPORT AUTHOR DETAILS

Hazel Stevenson
Environmental Protection Team Leader
hstevenson@aberdeencity.gov.uk
(01224) 523390