

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Communities, Housing and Infrastructure
DATE	25 th August 2016
DIRECTOR	Pete Leonard
TITLE OF REPORT	Grampian Joint health Protection Plan
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CHECKLIST COMPLETED	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 2016 to 2018. (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 Communities, Housing and Infrastructure to ensure that the health protection priorities outlined in the plan continue to be resourced.

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 fourth Grampian Joint Health Protection Plan and covers the period from 2016 to 2018 and has been prepared by NHS Grampian in collaboration with Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire and The Moray Councils.

In the 2016-18 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 Communities, Housing and Infrastructure Committee, the JHPP will be considered by the following Councils and NHS Committees:

- NHS Grampian Board
- The appropriate Committees within Aberdeenshire and Moray Councils

6. IMPACT

Improving Customer Experience –

The report lays out the arrangements for health protection within Grampian, this ensures all customers, external and internal are aware of what each partner organisations role is in the delivery of this.

Improving Employee Experience

The report lays out the arrangements for health protection within Grampian and 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. Employees are therefore fully aware of what responsibilities they have in relation to this and how they are delivered. Employees may be able to use this as a tool to identify any areas of professional development that may be required.

Improving our use of Resources –

The report details how the service will deliver the statutory responsibility in relation to this, the three local authorities involved have presented their activities and highlighted various aspects of their work. The report shows how the responsibilities are met using existing resources, the report offers the opportunity to engage in further partnership working with internal services as well as the other local authorities and therefore, improving the use of resources.

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 this statutory requirement under the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008. 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.

The Managing Risk form was used to determine the level of risk

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Draft Joint Health Protection Plan

<http://committees.aberdeencity.gov.uk/ecCatDisplay.aspx?sch=doc&cat=13338&path=13004,13309>

9. REPORT AUTHOR DETAILS

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