ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEEHousing and EnvironmentDATE 13 April 2010DIRECTORPete LeonardTITLE OF REPORTGrampian Joint Health ProtectionREPORT NUMBER:H&E/10/043

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The Public Health etc (Scotland) Act 2008 places a duty on Health Boards and Local Authorities to co-operate and produce a Health Protection Plan. The purpose of this report is to seek approval of the Grampian Joint Health Protection Plan for the period 1 April 2010 to 31 March 2012.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Committee approves the Joint Health Protection Plan

That the Committee instructs the Director of Housing and Environment to continue to implement the health protection priorities outlined in the plan.

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 working arrangements between NHS Grampian and the Aberdeen Aberdeenshire and Moray Councils. As such there should be no effect on existing budget pressures and budget management regarding statutory Environmental Health service delivery.

4. SERVICE & COMMUNITY IMPACT

This report is linked to the improvement in the health of the people of Aberdeen and a reduction in health inequalities in line with the Single Outcome Agreement and Aberdeen's Vibrant, Dynamic and Forward Looking Policy.

5. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

The Joint Health Protection Plan links to existing Environmental Health Team Planning and arrangements across Council services for statutory Environmental Health service provision.

6. REPORT

Aberdeen City Council works closely with partners in NHS Grampian, Aberdeenshire Council and 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 first Grampian Joint Health Protection Plan and covers the period from 1 April 2010 to 31 March 2012 and has been prepared by NHS Grampian in collaboration with Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire and The Moray Councils.

This plan supports the delivery of the Grampian Health Plan 2010-2013 and the Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire and the Moray Community Plans.

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

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8. BACKGROUND PAPERS None