

## **COUNTY-WIDE HEALTH FORUM – A REQUEST FOR MEMBER NOMINATION**

### **1        PURPOSE**

- 1.1    To seek a Member nomination for an Essex-wide Health Forum to be set up under the auspices of the Association of Essex Councils.

### **2        DETAILED CONSIDERATIONS**

- 2.1    The Association of Essex Councils (AEC) has agreed to the establishment of an Essex-wide Health Forum comprising representatives from District Councils, the County Council, the 2 Unitary Authorities, the 2 Health Authorities, the Essex Association of Local Councils, the Primary Care Groups and Health Trusts across the County, and the Police Authority. It is felt that the establishment of such a body will allow Members to consider matters relating to the wider health agenda and inequalities in health in their widest interpretation, across the County.
- 2.2    As a body the forum will provide a linkage between health issues and the wider agenda associated with such aspects as community safety and sustainable development. It is likely to meet between 2 and 4 times per year. In establishing such a forum the AEC have agreed to one Member representative from each District Council. A nomination is therefore sought for this body.

### **3        CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1    Nothing specific although the purpose of the forum will be to consider the wider linkages between Crime and Disorder and health related issues.

### **4        ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1    As with Crime and Disorder, the forum will consider health issues in the wider environmental context

### **5        FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1    Nothing specific other than Member and Officer time and Mileage allowance

**6      LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1    The developing legislation is leading to closer working relationships between local authorities and the health agencies.

**7      PARISH IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1    The Essex Association of Local Council will be represented in its own right.

**8      RECOMMENDATION**

- 8.1    It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES:**

An appropriate Member nomination to this forum. (CEX)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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**Background Papers:**

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