
DRAFT HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME

1 SUMMARY

1.1 This report invites Members to consider the South Essex Health Authority draft Health Improvement programme. (HiMP)

1.2 The Health Authority had to submit the draft HiMP to the NHS Regional Office by 31 March 2000, but they have requested all South Essex local authorities to formally sign off the draft as soon as possible, so that they can confirm local authority partnership support to the Regional Office. The draft HiMP is appended.

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 Members may recall that the HiMP is the primary planning document for the "health economy" in South Essex and that the Local Action Programme (LAP) is the specific focus for health improvement work in this District.

2.2 Community Services Committee considered a report on the HiMP and LAP at the Meeting on 20 January 2000. A number of proposals put forward by the Committee were forwarded to the Rochford Primary Care Group for consideration for inclusion in the LAP. (Min 25/00).

2.3 The HiMP document only includes an overview of the issues identified in the LAP, and it is necessary to refer to the complete LAP, which is also appended to see the full range of issues identified for local action.

3 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

3.1 There are close linkages between aspects of the HiMP/LAP and the Crime Disorder Reduction Strategy.

4 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The announcement has a significant influence on health.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The HiMP and LAP will be the focus for health investment locally. Any specific projects which might require District Council resources will be brought to Members for consideration.

6 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The Government White Paper 'Saving Lives Our Healthier Nation' signals that there will be a new duty on local authorities and the NHS to work together to promote the health and well-being of their local communities.

9 RECOMMENDATION

It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**

That the South Essex Health Authority be advised that the Council supports the draft Health Improvement Programme 2000/01 – 2002/03.

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Background Papers:

None

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