

CANNOCK CHASE COUNCIL

BRIEFING NOTE

HEALTH & WELLBEING POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

6 AUGUST 2012

BRIEFING NOTE FROM HEAD OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

HEALTH & WELLBEING PORTFOLIO

1. Purpose of Briefing Note

1.1 To outline to members the remit of the Health & Wellbeing portfolio.

2. Background

2.1 The Council Constitution assigns responsibility to the Portfolio Leader for Health & Wellbeing for speaking at Council, Cabinet, Committee and other meetings on the following:-

- Liaison with various bodies and agencies to tackle health inequalities across the District, including the Primary Care Trust and NHS Trusts.
- Environmental Health Services, including food hygiene and safety, disease control, health and safety, health promotion, and mortuary. Except where it involves determining any application, taking direct regulation or enforcement action.
- Management and maintenance of the Council's community alarms and CCTV systems.
- The administration of Housing and Council Tax Benefits, except where it involves determining any application, taking direct regulation or enforcement action.
- All statutory and non-statutory plans and policy documents prepared by the Council relating to the above-mentioned services and facilities including (but not limited to) the Food Law Enforcement Service Plan.

2.2 In practice the above remit overlaps with other portfolios. Two examples of this are:

- i) Physical activity and healthy lifestyle programmes are provided by Culture and Leisure who fall within the Culture and Sport portfolio.
- ii) Disabled adaptations are linked to the Housing portfolio as they involve improvements to dwellings, and to the Health & Wellbeing portfolio as they address health issues. Many Housing and Health issues are interrelated.

2.3 More detailed information on the Health & Wellbeing portfolio will be provided to a future meeting.