

# Committee: Healthier Communities and Older People Overview and Scrutiny Committee

**Date: 17<sup>th</sup> February 2013**

Agenda item: **5**

Wards:

## **Subject: Merton LINK final update**

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### **Recommendations:**

- A. Panel members are asked to note and comment on the work of Merton LINK which ceased to operate from 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013
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## **1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1. A final update from the chair of the former Merton Link giving an overview of key issues and the priorities that the Link were working on prior to their closure.

## **2 DETAILS**

- 2.1. Merton Link ceased to operate from 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013 and have been replaced by Healthwatch. The former chair of the Link will provide the panel with an update of the areas that they were working on and advise panel members on issues that may require further investigation and scrutiny.
- 2.2.

## **3 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

The Healthier Communities and Older People Overview and Scrutiny Panel can select topics for scrutiny review and for other scrutiny work as it sees fit, taking into account views and suggestions from officers, partner organisations and the public.

Cabinet is constitutionally required to receive, consider and respond to scrutiny recommendations within two months of receiving them at a meeting.

- 3.1. Cabinet is not, however, required to agree and implement recommendations from Overview and Scrutiny. Cabinet could agree to implement some, or none, of the recommendations made in the scrutiny review final report.

## **4 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED**

- 4.1. The Panel will be consulted at the meeting

**5 TIMETABLE**

5.1. The Panel will consider important items as they arise as part of their work programme for 2012/13

**6 FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS**

6.1. None relating to this covering report

**7 LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

7.1. None relating to this covering report. . Scrutiny work involves consideration of the legal and statutory implications of the topic being scrutinised.

**8 HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS**

8.1. It is a fundamental aim of the scrutiny process to ensure that there is full and equal access to the democratic process through public involvement and engaging with local partners in scrutiny reviews. Furthermore, the outcomes of reviews are intended to benefit all sections of the local community.

**9 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

9.1. None relating to this covering report. Scrutiny work involves consideration of the crime and disorder implications of the topic being scrutinised.

**10 RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

10.1. None relating to this covering report

**11 APPENDICES – THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE PUBLISHED WITH THIS REPORT AND FORM PART OF THE REPORT**

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**12 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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