

JOINT COMMITTEE

Date 27th June 2013

WORCESTERSHIRE REGULATORY SERVICES

NAME OF REPORT : WRS Contribution to Health and Wellbeing

Recommendation

To consider and note the report about contribution made to Health and Wellbeing of Worcestershire by WRS

Background

Public health returned to local government in April 2013 under changes brought about by the Health and Social Care Act 2012. This legislation places a statutory duty on upper tier authorities through the Health and Wellbeing Board to 'take steps to improve the health of their local population'. This will require collaboration with the Districts and other partners, including WRS by aligning priorities, services, resources and activities with the Worcestershire Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

Current Position

WRS has a vision that Worcestershire is a healthy, safe and fair place to live, where businesses can thrive and has prioritised health and wellbeing as one of its key priorities. The Service is built on strong public health principles of prevention and protection where a multitude of activities undertaken contribute to the Worcestershire Joint Strategy.

WRS is well placed to work with business and communities to reduce inequalities having both skills and experience in these areas. Impacts of improved health include the potential for better outcomes in areas such as education, employment, anti social behaviour and social cohesion; all of which are directly influenced by local polices.

Proposal

Investment in prevention will result in long term savings for the local health economy by preventing costs from accruing in the future. By aligning priorities and maximising joint working, District and County partners and the Health and Wellbeing Board will wish to acknowledge the multifaceted contribution that WRS plays in the preventative public health agenda when considering, integrating priorities and commissioning local activities in this area.

Financial Implications

None

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Background Papers

Worcestershire Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy

