

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET
19TH APRIL 2011

**Recommendation from Community and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee,
Thursday 7th April 2011**

Health and Wellbeing in Wyre Forest

The Community and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee considered a report from the Strategic Housing Services Manager that updated Members on work to improve Health and Wellbeing in Wyre Forest, including progress on the Wyre Forest District Council Health Action Plan 2010/2011. The report also sought the endorsement of the Wyre Forest District Council Health Action Plan 2011/2012.

The Wyre Forest Matters Health and Wellbeing Group is a subgroup of the Local Strategic Partnership. It aims to reduce health inequalities and improve health and wellbeing in Wyre Forest and to contribute to the relevant Local Area Agreement targets (although these have now been reduced with the change to the Coalition Government and a greater focus on locally set objectives). The group includes representatives from a range of organisations, including NHS Worcestershire, Wyre Forest District Council, Community Housing, Disability Action Wyre Forest, The Multi-Agency Forum (mental health) etc.

The Health and Sustainability Team in Strategic Housing Services has responsibility for co-ordinating the Council's own work to promote health living and reduce health inequalities. The Health Improvement Co-Coordinator (HIC) employed by the Primary Care Trust is based within the team. However, funding cuts to the Health and Sustainability Team, leading to the loss of a post and potential cuts to the Primary Care Trust HIC role will reduce the level of activity the team can devote to health inequalities work. Work will be primarily focused on the fuel poverty aspect of tackling health inequalities work.

Recommended to Cabinet:

The Wyre Forest District Council Health Action Plan be endorsed.