

## **Minutes of Cabinet Portfolio Holder (Health) Decision Making Session held on 29 March 2011**

**Present:** Councillor Bob Stevens (decision maker)  
Councillors Les Caborn and Dave Shilton

**Officers:** Monica Fogarty, Assistant Chief Executive  
Janet Purcell, Executive and Member Support Manager

### **1. General**

#### **(1) Members Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests**

None

#### **(2) Minutes**

The minutes of the decision making session held on 4 October 2010.

### **2. Consultation Response on White Paper: Healthy Lives, Healthy People.**

Councillor Bob Stevens considered the report of the Assistant Chief Executive and Director of Public Health setting out a draft response to the consultation white paper: 'Healthy Lives, Healthy People'.

Councillor Dave Shilton sought information on the consultation undertaken as part of the preparation of the response and was assured that consultation had been undertaken widely with local authorities and other partners and that John Linnane had held a series of workshops in each district and borough area. The comments from these had been fed into the consultation response.

Councillor Les Caborn highlighted the importance of the role of district and borough councils and requested that this point be made more forcibly in the response. Councillor Caborn also requested that the wording in relation to the transfer of staff from the NHS to local government be amended. Councillor Bob Stevens agreed to the following amendments:

Page 8 – last point under section headed 'Overall' : delete ' we suggest that' and rest of line to read: 'The DH *should* acknowledge that important role that district and borough councils play with regard to public health.'

Page 9 – seventh point to read: delete words 'significantly and adversely' and 'that this will lead to a haemorrhage of highly skilled staff' so that the sentence reads: 'That the terms and conditions of employment for professional public health staff will be affected if they are moved to being employed by local government as opposed to the NHS, *and we must work to retain highly skilled staff.*'

**Resolved**

That the appended response be submitted to central Government by 31 March.

**3. Any other items of business**

None

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The meeting rose at 9.15 pm