

Introduction to Public Health and the Role of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny

Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee
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What is Public Health



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The Role of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

- To consider matters which have a direct and immediate impact on the health and wellbeing of all those who live, work and study in the district.
- To identify training
- To act as public health champions

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Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)

- Internet based resource
 - <http://jsna.hertslis.org/>
- Outlines the differing health and care needs of the people of Hertfordshire
- Overseen by Hertfordshire's Health and Wellbeing Board and managed by the public health department at HCC

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East Herts Health and Wellbeing Strategy

- The strategy:
 - sets out the public health priorities for the Council
 - facilitates joint working with partners
- Endorsed by the Director of Public Health at HCC



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Public Health Funding

- Herts County Council's District Offer
 - 2014/15 - £100,000
 - 2015/16 - £100,000
- East Herts Council's
 - £200,000 Funded from the new home's bonus
- Health and Wellbeing Small Community Grants Programme

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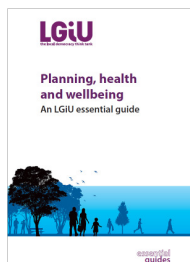
East Herts Council's Services that Deliver Public Health Objectives

- Housing
- Preventing and tackling homelessness
- Planning
- Economic development
- Licensing and community safety
- Benefits
- Leisure and parks
- Environmental health

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Planning, Health and Wellbeing

- New guide to show how planning can influence our wellbeing



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Principles of Good Public Scrutiny

- Provides 'critical friend' challenge to executive policy-makers and decision-makers
- Enables the voice and concerns of the public and its communities
- Is carried out by 'independent-minded governors' who lead and own the scrutiny role
- Drives improvement in public services

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Deciding What to Scrutinise

- Members can ask to examine any issue relating to public health that they believe to be:
 - of local public concern
 - linked to the council's vision and priorities
 - capable of being influenced
 - not being scrutinised by another body

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Questions and Answers



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