Meeting	Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Date	3 October 2013
Subject	**Members' Item – Sexually Transmitted Diseases**
Report of	Scrutiny Office
Summary	This report informs the Committee of a Member's Item and requests instructions from the Committee.

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Status (public or exempt)	Public
Wards Affected	All
Key Decision	N/A
Reason for urgency / exemption from call-in	N/A
Function of	Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Enclosures	Appendix – Health Overview and Scrutiny Framework Effective Scrutiny for Better Outcomes
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1. RECOMMENDATIONS

1.1 The Committee's instructions on the Members' Item on Sexually Transmitted Diseases are requested taking into account the Health Overview and Scrutiny Framework Effective Scrutiny for Better Outcomes attached in the Appendix when determining the most appropriate route for this request.

2. RELEVANT PREVIOUS DECISIONS

2.1 None.

3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

3.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committees must ensure that the work of Scrutiny is reflective of the Council's priorities.

3.2 The three priority outcomes set out in the 2013 – 2016 Corporate Plan are: –

- Promote responsible growth, development and success across the borough;
- Support families and individuals that need it – promoting independence, learning and well-being; and
- Improve the satisfaction of residents and businesses with the London Borough of Barnet as a place to live, work and study.

3.3 The work of the Barnet Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee supports the delivery of the following outcomes identified in the Corporate Plan:

- To sustain a strong partnership with the local NHS, so that families and individuals can maintain and improve their physical and mental health; and
- To promote a healthy, active, independent and informed over 55 population in the borough to encourage and support our residents to age well.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

4.1 None in the context of this report.

5. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

5.1 Equality and diversity issues are a mandatory consideration in decision-making in the council pursuant to the Equality Act 2010. This means the council and all other organisations acting on its behalf must have due regard to the equality duties when exercising a public function. The broad purpose of this duty is to integrate considerations of equality and good relations into day to day business requiring equality considerations to be reflected into the design of policies and the delivery of services and for these to be kept under review. Health partners as relevant public bodies must similarly discharge their

duties under the Equality Act 2010 and consideration of equalities issues should therefore form part of their reports.

5.2 In addition to the Terms of Reference of the Committee, and in so far as relating to matters within its remit, the role of the Committee is to perform the Overview and Scrutiny role in relation to:

- The Council's leadership role in relation to diversity and inclusiveness; and
- The fulfilment of the Council's duties as employer including recruitment and retention, personnel, pensions and payroll services, staff development, equalities and health and safety.

6. USE OF RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS (Finance, Procurement, Performance & Value for Money, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

6.1 None in the context of this report.

7. LEGAL ISSUES

7.1 Section 244 of the National Health Service Act 2006 and Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013/218; Part 4 Health Scrutiny by Local Authorities provides for the establishment of Health Overview and Scrutiny Committees by local authorities.

7.2 Health and Social Care Act 2012, Section 12 – introduces section 2B to the NHS Act 2006 which imposes a new target duty on the local authority to take such steps as it considers appropriate for improving the health of people in its area.

8. CONSTITUTIONAL POWERS (Relevant section from the Constitution, Key/Non-Key Decision)

8.1 The scope of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees is contained within Part 2, Article 6 of the Council's Constitution.

8.2 The Terms of Reference of the Scrutiny Committees are included in the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules (Part 4 of the Council's Constitution). The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee has within its terms of reference responsibility:

i) To perform the overview and scrutiny role in relation to health issues which impact upon the residents of the London Borough of Barnet and the functions services and activities of the National Health Service (NHS) and NHS bodies located within the London Borough of Barnet and in other areas.

ii) To make reports and recommendations to the Executive, Health and Well-Being Board and/or other relevant authorities on health issues which affect or may affect the borough and its residents.

iii) To receive, consider and respond to reports and consultations from the NHS Commissioning Board, Barnet Clinical Commissioning Group, Barnet Health and Well-Being Board and/or other health bodies.

8.2 Council Constitution, Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, Paragraph 8.1 states that "Any member of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee shall be entitled to give notice to the Head of Governance that he/she wishes an item relevant to the functions of the Committee to be included on the agenda for the next available meeting of the Committee. On receipt of such a request, the Head of Governance will ensure that the item is included on the next available agenda".

9. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

9.1 Councillor Julie Johnson has requested that a Member's Item be brought to the Committee in relation to sexually transmitted diseases as follows:

"The national press seems to suggest that there has been an increase in the number of people seeking treatment for sexually transmitted diseases (STD's):

1. Have Barnet's figures increased in the last two / three years and, if so, by how much?

2. Does Barnet have sufficient resources to deal with any extra demand?

3. As education about STD's is part of the national curriculum, can we have some feedback and how this is managed in our schools (including academies and free schools), including Barnet's looked after children?"

9.2 The Committees instructions are requested in relation to the request outlined at 9.1 above. Members are requested to take into account the Health Overview and Scrutiny Framework Effective Scrutiny for Better Outcomes attached in the Appendix when determining the most appropriate route for this request.

10. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 None.

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