

**REPORT FROM:** HEAD OF POLICY

**TO:** COUNCIL

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**Pendle Partnership**

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To put forward for Council approval, recommendations on the future role and function of Pendle Partnership.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- (1) To disestablish Pendle Partnership Executive and Full Partnership and to communicate this decision to current members of Pendle Partnership
- (2) To agree for the Council to continue to support the existing Thematic Groups namely Pendle Children and Young People Trust Partnership, Pendle Vision Board, and Pendle Community Safety Partnership
- (3) Further to the decision of the Council to develop a Vision for Public Health for Pendle to agree to the proposal set out in paragraph 2.4 of this report

**REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- (1) To provide a sustainable future for partnership working in Pendle.

## **1. Introduction**

- 1.1.** Members will recall that the Council last reviewed its contribution to Pendle Partnership in 2011. This review resulted in a slimmed down resource to support Pendle Partnership with an emphasis on supporting key Thematic Groups and a small number of cross cutting priorities via a Task and Finish approach called Pendle Solution Groups
- 1.2.** We are in a changing landscape with a further reduction in finances, resources and capacity, alongside the Government's shifting national policy agenda- particularly with regard to decentralisation and localism. On both a national and local level, it is recognised that the role and governance of Pendle Partnership needs to evolve to ensure it is fit for purpose and can continue to make a real difference to the lives of people of Pendle, which can be seen and felt by communities.
- 1.3.** Pendle Council is going through a restructure to respond to all of this, as are many other partners. From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013, Pendle Council has a Localities, Communities and Policy team with significantly less resources. The Council will also lose its Head of Policy as from June 2013 and whilst elements of this role will remain it is recognised that this will have a significant impact on the capacity to support Pendle Partnership going forward.

## **2. Proposal**

- 2.1.** Whilst recognising the tremendous achievements of Pendle Partnership since its inception in 1996 and its duty to support the delivery of the Sustainable Community Strategy, the Council has taken the opportunity to review its current contribution to Pendle Partnership and to rationalise this further.
- 2.2.** Since the last review in 2011 the Pendle Partnership Executive meets three times a year and the Full Partnership once a year. Whilst recognising the contribution both groups have made to partnership working particularly over the last 2 years for the reasons stated above it is proposed to disestablish the Pendle Partnership Executive and Full Partnership as from end of May 2013.
- 2.3.** It is however proposed to the Council that we continue to support the Pendle Community Safety Partnership, Pendle Children and Young People Partnership, and Pendle Vision Board.
- 2.4.** Further to the decision of the Council to develop a Public Health Vision for Pendle it is proposed that this is progressed via the Council's Executive, the East Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board and East Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group. To assist this it is proposed that future representation from Pendle on the East Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board will be the relevant Portfolio Holder and Deputy Chief Executive. The Council will also continue to support this agenda via the Executive, the existing Pendle Council Health and Social Care Scrutiny Panel and Public Health Officer Group.

## **IMPLICATIONS**

**Policy:**

Whilst recognising the change to current arrangements it is felt that the Council would still meet its obligations under the Sustainable Communities Act

**Financial:**

None arising out of this report

**Legal:**

Whilst recognising the change to current arrangements it is felt that the Council would still meet its obligations under the Sustainable Communities Act

**Risk Management:**

There is a minimal reputational risk for the Council if the proposals in this report were not appropriately communicated to key partners and the public

**Health and Safety:**

None arising out of this report

**Sustainability:**

Whilst recognising the change to current arrangements it is felt that the Council would still meet its obligations under the Sustainable Communities Act

**Community Safety:**

None arising out of this report

**Equality and Diversity:**

There is a minimal risk for the Council if the proposals in this report were not appropriately communicated to key partners and the public

**APPENDICES****Appendix 1 - Current Pendle Partnership Organisational Structure**