

# WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

## Report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services

Corporate and Efficient Governance Committee: 24 March 2010

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**Subject: Public Health etc (Scotland) Act 2008 – Joint Health Protection Plan.**

### **1. Purpose**

1.1 This report seeks Committee approval of the NHS Glasgow & Clyde Joint Health Protection Plan.

### **2. Background**

2.1 The Public Health etc (Scotland) Act was passed by the Scottish Parliament and received Royal Assent on 16 July 2008.

2.2 The Act updates the law on public health and has 10 parts. This report is concerned with Part 1 of the Act which requires both health boards and local authorities to develop and publish Joint Health Protection Plan by 01 April 2010.

### **3. Main Issues**

3.1 Scottish Ministers, health boards and local authorities have a duty to make provision or secure provision is made for the purpose of protecting public health. There is a duty to co-operate and to plan together for public health protection.

3.2 'Protecting Public Health' means the protection of the community from:

- (i) infectious diseases
- (ii) contamination (with or by a biological, chemical or radioactive substance)
- (iii) other such hazards which constitute a danger to human health.

This includes prevention, control and provision of a public health response to such diseases, contamination or other hazards.

3.3 This Joint Health Protection Plan 2010-2012 (Appendix 1) has been prepared by the Director of Public Health, in collaboration with the Chief Officer of Environmental Health from the relevant local authorities. The plan must be formally submitted to the NHS Board and relevant local authority committee and reviewed every two years. This first plan also identifies areas which require further work.

#### **4. Personnel Issues**

4.1 There are no personnel issues associated with this report.

#### **5. Financial Implications**

5.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

#### **6. Risk Analysis**

6.1 Failure to prepare and publish a Joint Health Protection Plan would be a breach of the Public Health etc (Scotland) Act 2008.

#### **7. Equalities Impact**

7.1 No significant issues were identified in a screening for potential equality impact of this Joint Health Protection Plan.

#### **8.0 Conclusion & Officer's Recommendation**

8.1 This first Joint Health Protection Plan has been prepared in accordance with Scottish Government Guidance and once approved requires to be available on the health board website and available on request.

8.2 The Committee is asked to approve the NHS Greater. Glasgow and Clyde Joint Health Protection Plan 2010-2012.

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#### **Background Papers:**

Public Health etc (Scotland) Act 2008 and associated guidance.

#### **Wards Affected:**

All

