

Article 6A - Joint Health Scrutiny Committee(s)

1. Role and Function

- 1.1 The role and function of any Joint Health Scrutiny Committee shall be determined in accordance with the arrangements set out in the 'Protocol for the Establishment of Joint Health Scrutiny Arrangements for Cheshire and Merseyside'.
- 1.2 To undertake joint health scrutiny obligations arising under the Health Scrutiny Regulations (as detailed in the 'Protocol for the Establishment of Joint Health Scrutiny Arrangements for Cheshire and Merseyside') as from 1st April 2013 (i) where more than one local authority's health scrutiny arrangements consider a proposed change in NHS services to be substantial in terms of the impact on its area; and/or (ii) in other circumstances as permitted by the Health Scrutiny Regulations or the Protocol.

2. Composition

- 2.1 The composition of any Joint Health Scrutiny Committee shall be in accordance with the 'Protocol for the Establishment of Joint Health Scrutiny Arrangements for Cheshire and Merseyside' as approved by the Policy and Performance Coordinating Committee.

3. Membership

- 3.1 The appointment of Members to any Joint Health Scrutiny Committee will be in accordance with the 'Protocol for the Establishment of Joint Health Scrutiny Arrangements for Cheshire and Merseyside'. Nominations to any Joint Health Committee shall be determined and made by the Families and Wellbeing Policy and Performance Committee which is responsible for discharging the Council's Health Scrutiny responsibilities.

4. Quorum

- 4.1 The quorum of any Joint Health Scrutiny Committee shall be determined in accordance with the arrangements set out in the 'Protocol for the Establishment of Joint Health Scrutiny Arrangements for Cheshire and Merseyside'.

5. Frequency of Meetings

- 5.1 The frequency of meetings of any Joint Health Overview Scrutiny Committee will be determined at the first meeting of any Committee in line with the purposes for which it has been established.

6. Access to Information

- 6.1 The Access to Information Regulations shall apply to any Joint Health Scrutiny Committee.