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Subject: PUBLIC HEALTH STRATEGY FOR KENT

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Summary: The first draft of the Public Health Strategy for Kent has been issued. It will be circulated to key stakeholders for comment and discussion before being taken to KCC Cabinet, PCT Boards and ultimately a meeting of the full county council on 24th July.

FOR INFORMATION

1 Introduction:

1.1 The first strategy for public health in Kent has been produced following the permanent appointment of the Joint Director of Public Health between the Eastern Coastal and West Kent Primary Care Trusts and Kent County Council.

2 Report:

2.1 As a first strategy it brings together the elements of public health that are currently being delivered by a variety of organisations across Kent. It will form the basis for discussions about how public health in the county needs to develop further and in particular how public health priorities should be reflected in the next round of strategic plans for both the county council, e.g. LAA2, after 2010, and the NHS.

2.2 The second draft of this strategy is attached and will have been circulated to key stakeholder partners for comment and consultation prior to formal adoption by PCT boards and the County Council. The consultation timetable is shown as a final appendix to the draft strategy. It is crucial that all KCC directorates, NHS colleagues and district councils are involved in developing the final iteration of this document so that it can taken to the wider public as the foundation of wider public consultation on the various elements of public health and the priorities for action.

3 Conclusion:

3.1 Cabinet Members are asked to note the contents of the strategy and are invited to comment upon them.

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