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## Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee

20<sup>th</sup> July 2010

Report of the Head of Civic, Legal & Democratic Services

### **LINKs<sup>1</sup> Annual Report & Reports Arising from LINKs Public Awareness & Consultation Events**

#### **Summary**

1. This report presents Members with a copy of the LINKs Annual Report and copies of reports arising from two LINKs Public Awareness & Consultation Events on the following topics:
  - Dignity & Respect
  - End of Life Care
2. Members are asked to note the reports and provide any comments they may wish to make.

#### **Background**

3. The work plan for the York LINK for the previous municipal year (2009/10) was set at its Annual General meeting in March 2009. A series of Public Awareness and Consultation Events (PACE) were organised to undertake the work on the agreed work plan and to gather information and evidence on its chosen themes. Evidence gathered during PACE events is collated and presented in reports, which are sent to the appropriate health services and to the Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee.
4. At a meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2009 the Committee agreed to formally receive future LINKs PACE reports by way of them being included in Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee agendas.
5. Two of these reports are attached for Members' consideration today. Annex A is the report on Dignity & Respect and Annex B the End of Life Care Report.
6. In addition to this Annex C sets out the LINKs Annual Report for 2009/10 which details work undertaken by the LINK last year. The Partnership Co-ordinator for the York LINK will be in attendance to present the Annual Report. A copy of the 2010/11 LINKs work plan is also attached at Annex D for information.

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<sup>1</sup> Local Involvement Networks

## **Consultation**

7. The Public Awareness & Consultation Events were carried out in liaison with many people; these are detailed within each of the individual reports (Annexes A & B refer).

## **Options**

8. The reports at Annexes A, B & C and the work plan at Annex D are for information only.

## **Analysis**

9. Whilst Annexes A – D are for information only Members are encouraged to ask questions of the LINK representative and comment on the information received as part of today's agenda. There are no recommendations within either of the PACE reports that directly affect the Committee.
10. LINKs were established by the Local Government & Public Involvement in Health Act 2007. Part of the Act (section 227) requires LINKs to publish an annual report about their activities during the previous financial year and to send it to various bodies, one being the Local Authority Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

## **Corporate Strategy 2009/2012**

11. This relates to the Healthy City theme of the Corporate Strategy 2009/2012.

## **Implications**

12. There are no known financial, human resources, legal or other implications associated with the recommendations contained within this report.

## **Risk Management**

13. In compliance with the Council's risk management strategy there are no known risks associated with the recommendations within this report.

## **Recommendations**

14. Members are asked to note the reports at Annexes A, B & C of this report and the LINKs work plan at Annex D and provide any comments they may wish to make.

Reason: In order to carry out their duty to promote the health needs of the people they represent.

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**Specialist Implications Officer(s)** None

**Wards Affected:**

All

For further information please contact the author of the report

**Background Papers:**

None

**Annexes**

**Annex A** Dignity & Respect PACE Report  
**Annex B** End of Life Care PACE Report  
**Annex C** LINKs Annual Report 2009/10  
**Annex D** LINKs Work Plan 2010/11