

ANGUS COUNCIL

COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

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**TAYSIDE JOINT PUBLIC HEALTH PROTECTION PLAN
2014 - 2016**

INTRODUCTION

This Report provides information to members with regard to the Tayside Joint Public Health Protection Plan for 2014 – 16. The Plan is required to be produced by NHS Tayside Health Board following discussions with Environmental Health representatives of the three Local Authorities within Tayside. This is a requirement of the Public Health (Scotland) Act 2008.

BACKGROUND

This latest plan follows previous ones produced on a 2 year basis since 2010 – Committee Reports 99/08 and 578/10 of the Infrastructure Services Committee make reference to these plans.

A final draft of the Tayside Joint Health Protection Plan for 2014 – 16 has now been provided by NHS Tayside and approved by NHS Tayside Health Board at a recent board meeting.

The Director of Public Health has requested that the three local authorities similarly approve this Plan. The Strategic Director of Communities has read the Report and is happy with the contents, insofar as they relate to Angus. He therefore grants this approval.

The Plan makes the following recommendations regarding priority actions for 2014 - 16:

- Ensure joint working arrangements to deliver an effective response (including out of hours) which is consistent with the provisions of the Public Health (Scotland) Act 2008
- Review and revise existing protocols and emergency plans
- Maximise opportunities for joint learning
- Learn from incidents that have recently occurred in Tayside and elsewhere
- Ensure joint working to implement national plans and policies

DEFINITION OF HEALTH PROTECTION

Health Protection differs from Health Improvement in that it relates to activities such as communicable disease control, control of environmental hazards to health and management of public health emergencies. Health protection ensures the safety and quality of food, water, air and the general environment. It also relates to housing conditions, occupational health and safety and noise control. A full list of these activities is provided on page 14 of the Plan, which can be accessed through the following [appendix](#) .

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