

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Health Consultations</b>
<b>FOR CONSIDERATION BY</b>	Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 14 July 2014
<b>WARD</b>	None Specific
<b>STRATEGIC DIRECTOR</b>	Andrew Moulton, Head of Governance and Improvement Services

#### **OUTCOME / BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY**

That the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee are informed of the current “live” health consultations.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee decides which of the “live” Consultations Members would like to be consulted on and respond to prior to the deadline dates.

#### **SUMMARY OF REPORT**

This paper provides an overview of “live” consultations in relation to health policy as of 26 June 2014.

#### **Department of Health ‘live’ consultations**

Details provided on the “live” consultations have been taken directly from the Department of Health website.

For further information on consultations please refer to the Department of Health website, see link below –

<http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Consultations/Liveconsultations/index.htm>

#### **1. Consultation on draft regulations and guidance for implementation of part 1 of the Care Act in 2015/16.**

**Launch date:** 6 June 2014

**Closing date:** 15 August 2014

The Department of Health is seeking views on draft regulations and guidance on the care and support reforms in the Care Act 2014 which will come into effect in April 2015.

The consultation details a summary of the policies that the regulations and guidance relate to and the questions that the Department of Health is seeking views and evidence on. It is suggested that the consultation should be read alongside the draft regulations and guidance.

The guidance is intended to provide councils with the information they require about how they should meet the legal obligations under the Care Act and the regulations, and

will be used by council officers to plan care and support. The guidance will also be used by people using care and support, their families, the voluntary sector and care and support providers to help them to understand the new system.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/updating-our-care-and-support-system-draft-regulations-and-guidance>

Anyone wishing to respond to the consultation can do so as follows:

Return response form by Email: [careactconsultation@dh.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:careactconsultation@dh.gsi.gov.uk)

Or by sending hard copies of the questionnaire to:

Care and Support consultation team

Department of Health

Room 313B, Richmond House

79 Whitehall

London

SW1A 2NS

## **2. Standardised packaging of tobacco products: draft regulations**

**Launch date:** 26 June 2014

**Closing date:** 7 August 2014

A consultation in April 2012 sought views on the policy of standardised packaging for tobacco products.

The Government has not yet made a final decision on whether to introduce standardised packaging.

The consultation seeks to gain any additional information that may be relevant to standardised packaging which has arisen after the 2012 consultation. It includes draft regulations which highlight how requirements for standardised packaging would work in practice.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/standardised-packaging-of-tobacco-products-draft-regulations>

Anyone wishing to respond to the consultation can do so as follows:

Return online [tobaccopackaging@dh.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:tobaccopackaging@dh.gsi.gov.uk)

Or write to:

Department of Health

Standardised Packaging Tobacco Consultation

PO Box 1126

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## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATION

*The Council faces severe financial challenges over the coming years as a result of the austerity measures implemented by the Government and subsequent reductions to public sector funding. It is estimated that Wokingham Borough Council will be required to make budget reductions in excess of £20m over the next three years and all Executive decisions should be made in this context.*

	How much will it Cost/ (Save)	Is there sufficient funding – if not quantify the Shortfall	Revenue or Capital?
Current Financial Year (Year 1)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Next Financial Year (Year 2)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Following Financial Year (Year 3)	N/A	N/A	N/A

### Reasons for considering the report in Part 2

N/A

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