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**REPORT TO:** HOUSING & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

**AGENDA ITEM:** 9

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**REPORT FROM:** Head of Leisure & Community Development

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**SUBJECT:** PROPOSED CHANGES TO PRIMARY CARE TRUST ARRANGEMENTS

**REF:** SB/TH

**WARD(S) AFFECTED:** ALL

**TERMS OF REFERENCE:** HCS05

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### **1.0 Recommendations**

- 1.1 That Members consider the proposals of the Trent Strategic Health Authority consultation document and their comments are forwarded in written form to that Authority.

### **2.0 Purpose of Report**

- 2.1 The report seeks Members views on a consultation document provided by the Trent Strategic Health Authority on the arrangements for new primary care trusts in the Trent area.

### **3.0 Detail**

- 3.1 The District Council along with other public, voluntary and community sector organisations is being consulted on arrangements for primary care trusts in the Trent Strategic Health Authority area.
- 3.2 The full consultation document is provided as Annexe No. 1.
- 3.3 The document identifies that there are 19 primary care trusts covering the counties of Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire and puts forward the proposal to separate and more clearly define the two responsibilities of commissioning and providing. It also looks to the reconfiguration of each county against the criteria described in the document *Commissioning a patient led NHS* and followed the principle indicating that the Department of Health will be looking to reconfigured PCT's to have a clear relationship with local authority social service boundaries.
- 3.4 The criteria for assessing the configuration of PCT's, described the new organisation's ability to:

- Secure high quality, safe services
- Improve health and reduce inequalities
- Improve the engagement of GPs and roll out practice based commissioning.
- Improve public involvement
- Manage financial balance and risk
- Improve co-ordination with social services
- Deliver at least 15% reduction in management and administrative costs.

3.5 In terms of Derbyshire the consultation document offers 4 options, these are:

- i) One Derbyshire PCT, excluding Glossop
- ii) Derby City and Derbyshire County PCT's excluding Glossop
- iii) One Derbyshire PCT including Glossop
- iv) Derby City and Derbyshire County PCT's including Glossop

3.6 Members views on this consultation will be collated and forwarded to the Strategic Health Authority by 22 March.

#### **4.0 Financial Implications**

4.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

#### **5.0 Corporate Implications**

5.1 There are no corporate implications arising from this report.

#### **6.0 Community Implications**

6.1 The work of Primary Care Trusts is very important to the community and the views of local councillors are crucial to the decision on how they are to be restructured.

#### **7.0 Conclusion**

8.1 The Health Authority has embarked upon a consultation process on changes to Primary Care Trust boundaries and Members have this opportunity to comment.

#### **8.0 Background Papers**

8.1 Health Authority consultation document.