

## **Community Wellbeing Programme Board – Report from Cllr David Rogers (Chair)**

1. The Board's activity over the past month has been focused on furthering our lobbying and influencing activity on the Health and Social Care Bill. On 10 May, we held a well attended and constructive briefing session for Peers from all parties on the LG Groups key messages on the health reforms. A number of peers expressed interest in working with us on amendments to the legislation to increase the influence and leverage of Health and Wellbeing Boards when the Bill reaches the Lords.
2. On 26 May the Chairman wrote to the Primary and the Secretary of State for Health outlining the LG Group's proposed changes to the Health and Social Care Bill to ensure that it gives a leading role and local freedom to local authorities to driving forward plans and strategies to improve health outcomes.
3. On 2 June Cllr Richard Kemp chaired the second meeting of a high-level public health stakeholder group to discuss the scope for joint working to influence the public health reforms. Senior representatives of the British Medical Association, the Association of Directors of Public Health, the Royal Society of Public Health, the Royal College of Nursing, the NHS Confederation, the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health and the Royal College of Midwives met senior LG Group Members and agreed a forward plan of influencing activity.
4. On 7 June, I gave evidence to the House of Commons Health Select Committee inquiry into Public Health. He clearly argued the case for local authorities to have a leading role in the planning and commissioning of health improvement services. The Health Select Committee report will be published in July.

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