

**NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**REPORT TO THE**  
**HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**3<sup>rd</sup> April 2012**

**1. Infant Mortality in Newcastle under Lyme**

**Submitted by:** Democratic Services Manager

**Portfolio:** Safer and Stronger Communities

**Ward(s) affected:** All

**Purpose**

To update the Committee regarding Infant Mortality In Newcastle under Lyme and the responses received from the Director of Public Health regarding the Scrutiny Brief.

**Recommendations**

- a) That the responses from the Director of Public Health be noted.
- b) That a Panel be appointed to carry out the scrutiny exercise

**1. Background**

2.

The Staffordshire County Council Health Scrutiny have requested that this Committee carry out a project regarding the high rates of infant mortality in Newcastle under Lyme.

At your previous meeting, Members approved a scrutiny brief (Appendix A) for the project and to assist the process it was agreed that written answers should be sought from the PCT to questions 1 to 4 in the scrutiny brief. The responses from the Director of Public Health are attached to this report at Appendix B.

**2. List of Appendices**

Appendix A: Scrutiny Brief.

Appendix B: Responses from the Director of Public Health