

**CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.**

**23rd March 2011**

**REPORT AUTHOR: Public Protection Manager**

**SUBJECT: Communicable Disease Outbreak Plan**

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**REPORT FOR: Decision of Portfolio Holder for Housing, Public Protection and Community Safety**

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**1. Introduction**

- 1.1 Approval is sought for adoption of the model plan, "The Communicable Disease Outbreak Plan for Wales".

**2. Background**

- 2.1 In recent years, there have been multiple plans in Wales for the investigation and control of communicable disease. All these have contained very similar guidance. Whilst it has been recognised that each individual plan was robust and fit for purpose, the presence of several plans for use in outbreaks has caused confusion as to which plan should be followed.
- 2.2 This model plan, "the Communicable Disease Outbreak Plan for Wales", developed by Public Health Wales and adopted by the Welsh Assembly Government, should now be used for managing all communicable disease outbreaks with public health implications across Wales.
- 2.3 The plan has been issued by the Chief Medical Officer for Wales and as such we now need to adopt it as our plan for use in all forms of outbreak situations covered by the plan.

**3. Proposal**

- 3.1 In view of the letter from the CMO it is proposed that 'The Communicable Disease Outbreak Plan for Wales' be adopted and replace the previously adopted and operational plans with immediate effect.

<b>Recommendation:</b>	<b>Reason for Recommendation:</b>
<b>That 'The Communicable Disease Outbreak Plan for Wales' be adopted and replace the previously adopted plans with immediate effect.</b>	<b>To apply the most up to date and relevant model plan to our communicable disease work.</b>

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<b>Relevant Portfolio Member(s):</b>	<b>Councillor R G Brown</b>
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<b>Relevant Local Member(s):</b>	<b>N/a</b>
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**Background Papers used to prepare report:**

**CMO (2011)1**

**The Communicable Disease Outbreak Plan for Wales March 2011**