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DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET

Thursday, 28 July 2022

Report of the Director - Public Health

Director of Public Health Annual Report 2022
(Cabinet Member for Health and Communities)

1. Divisions Affected

Countywide

2. Key Decision

2.1 This is not a Key Decision

3. Purpose

3.1 To inform Cabinet of the production of the Director of Public Health Annual Report for 2022.

3.2 To seek Cabinet approval to publish the Director of Public Health Annual Report for 2022.

4. Information and Analysis

4.1 The Health & Social Care Act 2012 amended the National Health Service Act 2006 (the '2006 Act') by placing a duty on the Director of Public Health to produce an annual report on the health of the local population and on the County Council to publish the report. The content and structure of the report is for local determination and the Director can tailor the report to align with local issues and priorities.

- 4.2 This year's annual report has focused on the theme of health inequalities in Derbyshire. The report describes health inequalities in Derbyshire before the Covid-19 pandemic; the impact of the pandemic on health inequalities and concludes with a call to action as to what the health and social care system alongside the wider public, voluntary and private sector can do to help further tackle and reduce health inequalities in Derbyshire.
- 4.3 The report builds from the video published in 2021 which summarised the collective efforts of Public Health, the wider Council and partners to manage and mitigate the impact of the pandemic in Derbyshire. After this initial response, it was important that a key theme of the pandemic's legacy was explored so that its impact on people and communities in Derbyshire could be further considered. Unlike previous Director of Public Health Annual Reports the summary video did not make any specific recommendations which need to be followed up and monitored. However, it is the intention that the recommendations in this year's report will be summarised and reviewed in 2023.
- 4.4 The analysis within the report is supported by national policy drivers and tackling health inequalities has been identified as a key priority within the Levelling Up White Paper with a national ambition to:
- *In relation to health:* By 2030, the gap in Healthy Life Expectancy (HLE) between local areas where it is highest and lowest will have narrowed, and by 2035 HLE will rise by 5 years.
 - *In relation to wellbeing:* By 2030, well-being will have improved in every area of the UK, with the gap between top performing and other areas closing
- The report considers what action needs to take place locally to contribute towards this ambition and support the levelling up agenda across the county. The report also provides an overview of health inequalities in the county prior to the publication of the Health Disparities White Paper, which will outline a national approach to addressing health inequalities.
- 4.5 Similarly, the NHS Long Term Plan and guidance related to the development and launch of integrated care systems across England has recognised the role in tackling health inequalities in partnership. This year's annual report considers how health inequalities can be tackled by working together in Derbyshire through these new partnership structures and the opportunities that creates.

5. Consultation

5.1 Following publication of the report, it will be used as a tool to further engage and involve stakeholders in relation to pieces of work that will seek to reduce health inequalities within Derbyshire.

6. Alternative Options Considered

6.1 Do nothing, this is not an option as there is a statutory duty for the Director of Public Health to write an annual report and a statutory duty for the County Council to publish the report.

7. Implications

7.1 Appendix 1 sets out the relevant implications considered in the preparation of the report.

8. Background Papers

8.1 [Director of Public Health Annual Report – Cabinet meeting 11 March 2021](#)

8.2 [Director of Public Health Annual Report 2020/21](#)

9. Appendices

9.1 Appendix 1 – Implications

9.2 Appendix 2 – Director of Public Health Annual Report

10. Recommendation(s)

That Cabinet:

- a) Notes the production of the Director of Public Health Annual Report 2022 and the recommendations contained within it.
- b) Approves the formal publication of the Director of Public Health Annual Report 2022.
- c) Reflects on the recommendations made within the report to consider what further action the County Council can take to reduce and mitigate the impact of health inequalities within the county.

11. Reasons for Recommendation(s)

11.1 The Director of Public Health has a statutory duty to prepare an annual report.

- 11.2 The Council has a statutory duty to publish the Director of Public Health Annual Report
- 11.3 The Council needs to consider how it can take action in partnership with other bodies to mitigate the impact of health inequalities across Derbyshire

12. Is it necessary to waive the call in period?

12.1 No

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Implications

Financial

- 1.1 The costs associated with the development and publication of the 2022 Director of Public Health Annual Report can be met from within existing Public Health budgets.

Legal

- 2.1 Section 31 of the Health & Social Care Act 2012 amended the National Health Service Act 2006 by:
 - (a) placing a statutory duty on the Director of Public Health to write an annual report on the health of the people in the area of the local authority (section 73B(3) of the 2006 Act); and
 - (b) placing a statutory duty on the local authority to publish the report (section 73B(6) of the 2006 Act).
- 2.2 Guidance published by the Department of Health in 2013 (*Directors of Public Health in Local Government: Roles, Responsibilities and Context*) states that the content and structure of the report may be decided locally.

Human Resources

- 3.1 There are no Human Resources Implications

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 6.1 The Director of Public Health Annual Report provides information and insight to support the Council Plan priorities of Resilient, Healthy and Safe Communities and Effective Early Help for Individuals and Communities.