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DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET

Monday, 10 July 2023

Report of the Director - Public Health

Director of Public Health Annual Report 2023
(Cabinet Member for Health and Communities)

1. Divisions Affected

Countywide

2. Key Decision

2.1 This is a Key Decision as it affects two or more electoral wards.

3. Purpose

3.1 To inform Cabinet of the production of the Director of Public Health Annual Report for 2023

3.2 To seek Cabinet approval to publish the Director of Public Health Annual Report for 2023.

4. Information and Analysis

4.1 The Health & Social Care Act 2023 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 focussed on mental health and wellbeing of the people in Derbyshire. The report builds on the successful Let's Chat campaign, which encouraged the population of Derbyshire to think about mental wellbeing, make connections with others and to seek support.
- 4.3 Last year's report, which focused on health inequalities in Derbyshire and the Covid-19 pandemic and outlined how partners would continue to step up to the challenge of living with the virus. This year's report contains a summary of those recommendations and what has been done in the last year.
- 4.4 The report reflects on the ongoing challenges from the Covid-19 pandemic recovery and the growing cost-of-living pressures. The report will look at key facts and figures, consider how mental health impacts across the life course, summarise how public health support mental health and wellbeing in Derbyshire and describes a range of practical actions the population can take to support their mental health and wellbeing and how they can support others.
- 4.5 The report looks at mental health and wellbeing through a life course approach and also considers a population health approach, which looks at promoting mental health across the whole population by looking at the needs of different groups of people. The report also looks at the Core20PLUS5 approach, which was developed by the NHS, which aims to reduce inequalities in healthcare across the population by looking at specific population groups.
- 4.6 Finally, the report offers next steps and three stages of recommendations:
- 4.6.1 Across the system
 - 4.6.2 Locally
 - 4.6.3 Individually

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 to support the population of Derbyshire with their mental health and wellbeing.

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 2022 – Cabinet Meeting 28 July 2022](#)

- 8.2 [Director of Public Health Annual Report 2022](#)

9. Appendices

- 9.1 Appendix 1 – Implications

- 9.2 Appendix 2 – Director of Public Health Annual Report 2023

10. Recommendation(s)

That Cabinet:

- a) Notes the production of the Director of Public Health Annual Report 2023 and the recommendations contained within it.
- b) Approves the formal publication of the Director of Public Health Annual Report 2023.
- c) Reflects on the recommendations made within the report to consider what further action the County Council can take to improve and support the mental health and wellbeing of the population of Derbyshire.

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 improve and support the mental health and wellbeing of the population of 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 2023 Director of Public Health Annual Report can be met from within existing public health budgets.

Legal

- 2.1 Section 31 of the Health and 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.

Information Technology

- 4.1 There are no Information Technology implications.

Equalities Impact

- 5.1 There are no equalities impact implications of this report.

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.

