

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET

11 March 2021

Report of the Director of Public Health

**Director of Public Health Annual Report
(Health and Communities)**

1. Purpose of the report:

Cabinet are asked to:

- i. Note the delay to the drafting and publication of the 2020 Director of Public Health Annual Report.
- ii. Agree that the Director of Public Health Annual Report be aligned to reporting within the financial year, with the next report to be published within the first quarter of the 2021/22 financial year.

2. Information and analysis:

The Health and Social Care Act (2012) sets out a statutory requirement for all Directors of Public Health to provide an annual independent report on the health of the local population and for the local authority to publish it. The report needs to highlight areas of specific concern and make recommendations for change. The Director of Public Health can tailor the report to align with local issues and priorities.

The Director of Public Health Annual Report is currently aligned to the calendar year and the last report, entitled 'Stronger for Longer' was published and reported to Cabinet on 16 January 2020.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 response, the Director of Public Health has been unable to produce a report in the 2020 calendar year due to limited capacity and a need to focus on responding to and managing the evolving situation to co-ordinate the health protection and wider public health response.

To mitigate the absence of a formal Annual Report for 2020 the Public Health department will produce a short report, most likely in the form of a video, to cover 2020 focusing on the response to COVID-19 and the work undertaken by the Director of Public Health.

From 1 April 2021 Cabinet is asked to agree that the Annual Report is aligned to the financial year rather than the calendar year. This approach brings a range of benefits to the authority, including:

- Alignment to the Council Plan and Service Plan processes.
- Alignment to performance reporting processes and procedures.
- Ability for the Director of Public Health Annual Report to reflect corporate priorities and influence forward planning more directly.

The report provides Cabinet and other strategic groups, such as the Health and Wellbeing Board and Joined Up Care Derbyshire, with a copy of the report to provide further influence across the health and social care system within Derbyshire.

3. Social Value considerations:

The Director of Public Health Annual Report routinely highlights issues relating to health inequalities, deprivation and where the authority and partner agencies can deliver additional social value to address many of these issues through a range of commissioned services, contracts and project-based activity.

4. Legal considerations:

The Health and Social Care Act (2012) outlines that the Director of Public Health has a duty to write a report, whereas the authority's duty is to publish it (under section 73B(5) & (6) of the 2006 Act, inserted by section 31 of the 2012 Act). The content and structure of the report may be decided locally.

5. Health considerations:

The Director of Public Health report sets highlight areas of specific concern and make recommendations for change. The Director of Public Health can tailor the report to align with local issues and priorities to drive change and action across the local health and social care system.

6. Financial considerations:

The costs associated with the development and publication of the 2020 and 2021/22 Director of Health Annual Reports can be met from within existing Public Health budgets.

7. Other considerations:

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: prevention of crime and disorder, equality of opportunity, human resources, environmental, property and transport considerations.

8. Background papers:

[The role of the Director of Public Health – information on gov.uk](#)

9. Key Decision:

Yes

10. Call-in:

Is it required that call-in be waived for any decision on this report?

No

11. Officer's Recommendation:

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