

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting13th March 2014

1. Title of Item/Report

Director of Public Health Annual Report 2012-13

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to the Director of Public Health's Annual Report 2012/13.

This was the first report of the Director of Public Health for Stockton Borough Council under the new arrangements introduced in the Health and Social Care Act 2012. The Report outlined the key health and wellbeing challenges and opportunities in Stockton Borough, including the data and evidence and details of work and planned next steps. The Report fits with the priorities in the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy and outlines some key messages and challenges to partners and communities.

Key areas of work and ongoing challenges were outlined in relation to:-

- Addressing the wider determinants of health e.g. smoking, mental health
- Reducing inequalities e.g. between people with learning disabilities and the rest of the population
- Addressing key health and wellbeing issues e.g. cancer and lung disease
- Healthcare quality and commissioning e.g. through work Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees Clinical Commissioning Group
- Protecting the health of the population e.g. management of outbreaks and increasing uptake of screening programmes

The Report also outlined three key challenges for colleagues and communities:-

- No alcohol in pregnancy

- Fizzy drinks full of added sugars should only be a rare treat, especially for children

- Read to your child every day – a great way to bond with your child and help them develop

The Report outlined the significant opportunity presented by the location of the Public Health team within the Local Authority.

RECOMMENDED to Council that the Director of Public Health's Annual Report 2012/13 be noted.

3. Reasons for the Decision

Under the Health and Social Care Act (2012), the Director of Public Health in the Local Authority has a statutory duty to publish an independent report on the health of the population in their area. The Local Authority has a duty to publish the Report. Cabinet is therefore asked to recommend the Report to Council.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

N/A

Proper Officer
17 March 2014