

## **MINUTE EXTRACT**

### Cabinet Meeting – 12<sup>th</sup> February 2015

1. Title of Item/Report

Draft Director of Public Health Annual Report 2013/14

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to the Draft Director of Public Health Annual Report 2013/14.

This was the draft Annual Report of the Director of Public Health for Stockton Borough Council for 2013/14. The Report outlined the key health and wellbeing challenges and opportunities in Stockton Borough, particularly around health inequalities. Stockton Borough was the Local Authority with the widest inequality in life expectancy nationally: 16yrs for men and 11.4yrs for women. As set out by Dr McGonigle (Chief Medical Officer 1924-1939), social and economic determinants impact on health and wellbeing. The Report outlined work over the past year to address these challenges, including service reviews, commissioning, population-wide programmes and work with partners. The Report fits with the priorities in the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2012-18 and the Council Plan.

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

- Addressing inequalities e.g. NHS Health Checks and Lung Checks, smoking, cancer screening uptake and fuel poverty
- Creating population impact
- Service reviews e.g. weight management and school nursing services
- Specialist Public Health support and advice to the NHS
- Protecting the health of the population e.g. management of outbreaks and immunisations

The Report also outlined progress on three key challenges from last year's Report and endorsed their continued importance:-

- 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

RECOMMENDED to Council that the Director of Public Health Annual Report 2013/14 be noted.