

AGENDA ITEM

REPORT TO COUNCIL

20 NOVEMBER 2019

**REPORT OF
CORPORATE
MANAGEMENT TEAM**

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH 2018/19

SUMMARY

The Annual Report of the Director of Public Health outlines some of the key health and wellbeing challenges and opportunities in Stockton Borough, including data, local intelligence, evidence and examples of current work with recommendations for next steps. This 2018/19 report titled “*Lonely? Get Connected*” focuses specifically on the local public health issue of loneliness.

RECOMMENDATION

1. To Council that the Annual Report of the Director of Public Health 2018/19 be endorsed.

DETAIL

1. The Director of Public Health has a statutory duty to write an Annual Public Health Report (APHR) and the Local Authority a statutory duty to publish this independent report on the health of the local community.

2. This 2018/19 report begins by providing an overview of the health and wellbeing of Stockton-on-Tees residents with a particular focus on health inequalities. The report then takes a specific look at the public health issue of loneliness in the Borough. It explores what we know about ‘who’ is lonely and the impact on their health and wellbeing, shares some examples of local current work being delivered which addresses loneliness and then explores a range of solutions and recommendations for consideration. The final chapter outlines progress on the recommendations of the previous APHR.

3. Cabinet considered the matter at its meeting held on 17 October 2019 and a copy of the relevant minute extract is attached to this report.

COMMUNITY IMPACT IMPLICATIONS

The Report supports the delivery of Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2019-23 and the Council Plan. It is informed by the local Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, published evidence as well as local information gathered from consultation and engagement activity. All of these focus on identifying the needs of specific communities and working with communities and partners to tailor programmes and services to better meet that need. As such, the impact on communities in terms of improving health and wellbeing, reducing inequalities and protecting health, are inherent to the work outlined in the Report.

CORPORATE PARENTING IMPLICATIONS

The Report does not contain corporate parenting implications.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications of the Report, though the report is intended to be a resource to help inform key stakeholders of priorities and recommends action to improve and protect the local community which if implemented may have financial implications.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no specific legal implications of this Report.

RISK ASSESSMENT

There are no specific risks inherent in this Report. The report emphasises the importance of ensuring health and social care services are high quality, meet population need, are value for money and particularly support the most vulnerable.

WARDS AFFECTED AND CONSULTATION WITH WARD/COUNCILLORS

The Report is based on the JSNA, plus additional evidence from other sources such as consultation and engagement activity undertaken through implementing Public Health programmes and services and therefore has been developed through a wide range of consultation and engagement activities with partners and communities. The implementation of next steps in the Report will also involve further consultation on specific issues e.g. in wards of greater deprivation or regarding services or programmes for specific communities.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

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