

AGENDA ITEM

**REPORT TO HEALTH AND
WELL BEING BOARD**

24TH FEBRUARY 2016

**REPORT OF DIRECTOR
OF ADULTS AND HEALTH**

DRAFT DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT 2014/15

SUMMARY

This is the draft Annual Report of the Director of Public Health for Stockton Borough Council for 2014/15. The Report outlines the key health and wellbeing challenges and opportunities in Stockton Borough, particularly around health inequalities. The Report outlines work over the past year to address local health 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.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board is asked to note the report and its recommendations

DETAIL

In the 2013/14 report the DPH described many of the health inequalities within the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees and the programmes in place to address them. Health inequalities by their very nature are deeply rooted in fundamental social determinants of health and wellbeing such as poverty, unemployment or low paid employment, poor education and poor housing. The Borough of Stockton-on-Tees has seen great strides made on improvements to its infrastructure and town centres and the quality of both social housing and new housing developments are very high. The programme of work that has seen external wall cladding for over 3,000 of the oldest and coldest houses in the Borough will help to improve the health of those people who live in them now and whoever lives in them for the next 20 years at least. It also makes a significant difference to fuel bills thus helping to address financial poverty. These improvements will undoubtedly make a significant contribution to addressing health inequalities in the future.

This report builds on my previous one and the theme of health inequalities underpins it. The focus of this report however is the life course.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: None

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS: None

RISK ASSESSMENT: None

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