

AGENDA ITEM
REPORT TO CABINET
16TH May 2024
REPORT OF
CORPORATE
MANAGEMENT TEAM

CABINET/COUNCIL INFORMATION ITEM

Health, Leisure and Culture - Lead Cabinet Member – Councillor Steve Nelson

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT

Summary

The Director of Public Health Annual Report 2023/24 is brought to Cabinet for consideration.

Recommended that the report be noted.

Detail

1. Under the Health and Social Care Act (2012), the Director of Public Health has a duty to prepare an independent annual report. This report follows the Director of Public Health report presented in November 2023 which reviewed the public health response to Covid-19 in Stockton-on-Tees.
2. The Director of Public Health Annual Report 2023/24 highlights the challenge of persistent health inequalities experienced by people in Stockton-on-Tees. Health inequalities and poor health and wellbeing have a significant impact on people's lives, are unjust and largely preventable.
3. The report highlights existing examples of good practice and strong partnerships with other organisations and the voluntary and community sector but is clear that a holistic and systematic approach is required to go further and faster in addressing inequalities.
3. The proposed approach with interventions in civic society, community and services based on a self-assessment complements the Council's Powering our Future policy.

Consultation and Engagement

- 5 The report describes some of the key work undertaken with partners and communities to address health inequalities. Working collaboratively with communities, partners and councillors is essential in addressing health inequalities.

Next Steps

7. Cabinet is asked to receive the report. Embedding learning and monitoring of public health activity will continue to be overseen and reported through the Lead Member, Corporate Management Team and Health and Wellbeing Board as part of core business.

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