

Health and Wellbeing Board

20 July 2016

Report title	Director of Public Health Annual Report 2015/16	
Decision designation	AMBER	
Cabinet member with lead responsibility	Councillor Paul Sweet Public Health and Wellbeing	
Key decision	No	
In forward plan	No	
Wards affected	All	
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Report has been considered by	Public Health Senior Management Team	30 June 2016
	People Leadership Team	4 July 2016

Recommendation for action or decision:

The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to:

1. Publish the Director of Public Health Annual Report for 2015/16.

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 The Health and Social Care Act 2012 states that 'the Director of Public Health for a local authority must prepare an annual report on the health of the people in the area of the local authority.....the local authority must publish the report'.¹
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to present the Director of Public Health Annual Report for 2015/16 which illustrates Public Health related changes in the Wolverhampton population and place over the last 150 years.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 The year 2016 marks to the 150th anniversary of a statutorily recognised Public Health service in Wolverhampton. In 1866, Dr Vincent Jackson, a surgeon and councillor, was appointed as the first Medical Officer for Health in Wolverhampton Borough Council.
- 2.2 It was deemed opportune for the Director of Public Health this year to reflect on the Public Health achievements within the local population over the last 150 years.

3.0 Director of Public Health Annual Report 2015/16

- 3.1 The Director of Public Health Annual Report 2015/16 aims to illustrate the public health related changes to the population of Wolverhampton, focusing on the people and the place.
- 3.2 This historical overview of changes to the health of the local population provides an opportunity to celebrate the advances in health and social care over the past 150 years, influenced, initially, by the Medical Officers of Health. The 1974 health reforms saw the move of the main public health functions into the NHS and the role of the Director of Public Health emerged to continue population level improvements in health.
- 3.3 The passing of the Health and Social Care Act 2012, returned the responsibility for public health to local government, from the NHS in April 2013. This fourth Director of Public Health Annual Report since the return to local government highlights the significant historical journey of the local Public Health service. It will serve as a reminder of the advances made in local health and social care over the past 150 years, as well as a baseline at this point in our history, for the advancements yet to come for future generations.

¹ *Health and Social Care Act 2012 (c7) Part 1 – The health service in England* pg 60. The Stationery Office: London
http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2012/7/pdfs/ukpga_20120007_en.pdf [accessed 4th August 2015]

4.0 Financial implications

- 4.1 Funding for Public Health is provided to the Council by the Department of Health in the form of a ring-fenced grant. The final grant allocation for 2015/16 was £20.2 million which includes an in-year cut in funding of £1.3 million from the Department of Health. There are no direct financial implications related to the publication of the Director of Public Health Annual Report.
[GS/07072016/E]

5.0 Legal implications

- 5.1 There are no legal implications related to this report.
[TS/22062016/H]

6.0 Equalities implications

- 6.1 This report does highlight historical and current health inequalities that are known and addressed through services commissioned by Public Health.

7.0 Environmental implications

- 7.1 There are no environmental implications of the report.

8.0 Human resources implications

- 8.1 There are no human resource implications related to this report.

9.0 Corporate landlord implications

- 9.1 There are no corporate landlord implications for the Council's property portfolio in relation to this report.

10.0 Schedule of background papers

- 10.1 There are no background papers in relation to this report: