

# Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

**Report of Deputy Chief Executive (People)  
to  
Cabinet  
on  
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**Agenda  
Item No.**

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## **The 2017 Annual Report of the Director of Public Health**

**People Scrutiny Committee  
Cabinet Member: Councillor Lesley Salter**

### ***A Part 1 Public Agenda Item***

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#### **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To present the 2017 Annual Report of the Director of Public Health.

#### **2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 That Cabinet considers and notes the content and recommendations of the 2017 Annual Report of the Director of Public Health.

#### **3.0 Background**

- 3.1 The Health and Social Care Act 2012 requires the Director of Public Health to prepare an annual report on the health of the local population. This is an independent report which the local authority is required to publish. The report is an opportunity to focus attention on particular issues that impact on the health and wellbeing of the local population, highlight any concerns and make recommendations for further action.

#### **4.0 The 2017 Annual Report of the Director of Public Health**

- 4.1 There is increasing scientific evidence that good quality work is beneficial for physical and mental health and well-being. For most people their work is a key determinant of their identity, self-esteem and standing within the community. In addition to the provision of income, work provides a means of social interaction and fulfilment.
- 4.2 There is extensive evidence that there are strong links between unemployment and poorer physical and mental health and mortality, with re-employment generally leading to improved health. It is recognised that poor quality, insecure, and low-paid work can be as harmful to health as unemployment, and both can lead to health inequalities.

- 4.3 People will be required to work for longer in the future. This will require action to improve health earlier in the working life will help to maintain health into later life and maintain overall productivity
- 4.4 There are a number of implications of the current occupational landscape in Southend that can impact on health and wellbeing. It is well recognised that people in routine and manual work have a higher prevalence of poor lifestyle behaviours, such as smoking, which can contribute to poor health outcomes.
- 4.5 74% of adults are in employment, on average spending a third of their waking hours in the workplace. During the working day there is scope for employers to influence employee health behaviours and promote a culture of good health and wellbeing, and to provide a supportive environment to enable those with health problems to continue working

## **5.0 Other Options**

There are no other options presented as it is a statutory duty of the Director of Public Health to prepare an Annual Public Health Report.

## **6.0 Reason for Recommendations**

- 6.1 The Health and Social Care Act 2012 requires Directors of Public Health to prepare an annual report on the health of the local population.

## **7.0 Corporate Implications**

### **7.1 Contribution to Council's Vision & Corporate Priorities**

The Council has a statutory duty to protect the health of the local population. The 2017 Annual Public Health Report highlights the key issues for people in Southend and actions being taken to address them.

### **7.2 Financial Implications**

At this stage any financial implications arising from this report are unquantified and, as further work is undertaken, any resource implications will be identified and dealt with through the Public Health budget and other existing budgets as necessary.

### **7.3 Legal Implications**

There are no legal implications arising directly from this report.

### **7.4 People Implications**

There are Directorate performance indicators relating to the Public Health Responsibility Deal

### **7.5 Property Implications**

None.

## 7.6 Consultation

There will not be any formal consultation on the Annual Public Health Report, although it will go through the relevant governance route within the Council as well as to the Southend Health & Wellbeing Board.

## 7.7 Equalities and Diversity Implications

The Annual Public Health Report provides evidence that population health needs are assessed and considered.

## 7.8 Risk Assessment

A risk assessment will be undertaken of individual initiatives introduced to tackle the key issues highlighted in the report.

## 7.9 Value for Money

No implications.

## 7.10 Environmental Impact

None.

## 8.0 Background Documents

8.1 Background documents are listed in the Annual Public Health Report.

## 9.0 Appendices

9.1 The 2017 Annual Report of the Director of Public Health for Southend.