

## REPORT TO THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

### Director of Public Health Annual Report 2012/13

#### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to bring to the Health and Wellbeing Board's attention the Director of Public Health's annual report for 2012/13.

#### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

**It is recommended that the Health and Wellbeing Board:-**

- 2.1 **Note the publication by BMBC of the Director of Public Health's annual report for 2012/13.**
- 2.2 **Note the revised approach to subsequent reports incorporating consultation with members of the Board.**

#### 3. INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

- 3.1. There is a long history of Directors of Public Health and their predecessors publishing annual reports. These reports have set out the state of health for their area and makes recommendations to improve health status.
- 3.2. The Health and Social Care Act 2012 sets out a statutory duty for Directors of Public Health to write an annual report. There are no specific or statutory requirements to cover the content and structure of the report.
- 3.3. The Health and Social Care Act 2012 also sets out a duty for the local authority to publish the Director of Public Health annual report. BMBC Cabinet have approved the report for publication.
- 3.4. The annual report of the Director of Public Health for 2012/13 is attached and is summarised below.

#### 4. SUMMARY OF DPH ANNUAL REPORT

- 4.1 This annual report demonstrates that whilst progress has been made in improving health in Barnsley there is still much to do to close the inequalities gap both within Barnsley and with the rest of the country. The move of Public Health back to the Council provides new opportunities to improve health and reduce health inequalities in Barnsley.

The report has a number of chapters, each with a number of recommendations. The chapters are summarised below. The Acting Director of Public Health will present further information at the meeting of the Board.

- **Introduction and history of public health in Barnsley:** This chapter takes the reader on a journey from the beginnings of the public health movement in the 1840s through to the present day. It uses a range of historical reports and

highlights important developments for Barnsley, for Public Health and for the health status of Barnsley residents.

- **Population Health and Health Inequalities:** This chapter examines the health of the population of Barnsley with an emphasis on the health gap both between Barnsley and the rest of the country and within Barnsley. Historical information is presented that helps put the existing population and state of health and health inequalities into context.
- **Lifestyle Determinants of Health:** This chapter sets out some of the lifestyles that are prevalent in Barnsley that are negatively impacting on the health of the community. There is an acknowledgement that lifestyle and behaviour are complex issues and that knowledge of what is a healthy lifestyle alone is not enough.
- **Wider and Social Determinants of Health:** This chapter examines the wider and social determinants of health and notes that living in poor social, economic and environmental conditions is bad for health at all stages of your life. It also makes the point that the unequal distribution of these factors drives health inequalities.
- **Health Protection:** This chapter explains the breadth of the health protection agenda and focuses on a few issues of most relevance to Barnsley. It notes that the profile of health protection has increased in recent years with issues such as pandemic flu (Swine flu), healthcare associated infections, immunisations and communicable diseases often in the public eye.
- **Progress on Recommendations from 2012: Director of Public Health Annual Report:** This section provides a quick overview of progress since the last annual report. This report focused on smoking prevalence as a major issue for public health in Barnsley. The recommendations of that report have all been actioned with significant progress made.
- **Looking to the Future:** This brief statement notes the significant changes in the public health and health and social care architecture in the past year. It highlights the important role of the new Health and Wellbeing Board.

## 5. NEXT STEPS/ WAY FORWARD

- 5.1 Future reports will provide consideration of future priorities in addition to a review of past activity and an assessment of the state of health in Barnsley. Members of the Health and Wellbeing board will be consulted on the scope of the 2013/14 report.

## APPENDICES

Appendix One: Director of Public Health Annual Report 2012/13

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