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To: Scrutiny Committee
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Ward(s) Affected: All
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Title: Back to the Future: The 2018 Director of Public Health Report for North Yorkshire

Summary: To present the 2018 annual report of the Director of Public Health for North Yorkshire for comment and consideration by the Scrutiny Committee.

Recommendation: To note the content of the report of the Director of Public Health and consider how Selby District Council will respond to the Director for Public Health's recommendations.

Reason(s) for recommendation: To scrutinise the performance of the Council's partner organisations and other agencies delivering services within the Selby District.

1. The Report

There is a mandatory requirement for the Director of Public Health to produce an annual report setting out the health priorities for the local population. We are presenting "Back to the Future", the 2018 Director of Public Health Annual Report for North Yorkshire (attached at Appendix A). This year Dr Sargeant has looked back to review progress made in improving population health in North Yorkshire since 2013, viewed data and engaged with partners to jointly develop priorities for population health until 2025.

Based on this work, Dr Sargeant has made three recommendations for Selby District Council to consider:

a) Reduce health inequalities

All partner agencies should consider the role they can play to improve the health and wellbeing of people with the poorest health outcomes and take explicit actions to address the factors that they can influence to close the gap experienced by people and communities who have shorter and less healthy lives compared to the rest of North Yorkshire.

b) Improve public mental health

As signatories to the Prevention Concordat for Better Mental Health the North Yorkshire Health and Wellbeing Board have committed to implement its principles. Specifically, this commits partner organisations to work to strengthen individuals and communities to be resilient and to remove the structural barriers to good mental health including reducing poverty and discrimination, and improving access to education, employment, transport, housing and support for the most vulnerable people.

c) Embed a public health approach

All partners in North Yorkshire consider how to embed a public health approach into their practice, including impact on sustainability, integration, prevention and reducing inequalities; and increasing skills around data, evidence and evaluation.

2. Alternative Options Considered

None for this report.

3. Implications

None for this report.

3.1 Legal Implications

None for this report.

3.2 Financial Implications

None for this report.

3.3 Policy and Risk Implications

None for this report.

3.4 Corporate Plan Implications

None for this report.

3.5 Resource Implications

None for this report.

3.6 Other Implications

None for this report.

3.7 Equalities Impact Assessment

None for this report.

4. Conclusion

The Scrutiny Committee discharges the Council's statutory overview and scrutiny functions and as such has responsibility to scrutinise partner organisations and other agencies delivering services within the Selby District. The Committee's comments and observations on the Director of Public Health for North Yorkshire's 2018 annual report are welcomed.

5. Background Documents

None.

6. Appendices

Appendix A – Report of the Director of Public Health for North Yorkshire, 2018

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