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To: Scrutiny Committee
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Ward(s) Affected: All
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Title: Life in times of change; health and hardship in North Yorkshire: The 2019 Director of Public Health Report for North Yorkshire

Summary: To present the 2019 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 "Life in times of change; health and hardship in North Yorkshire", the 2019 Director of Public Health Annual Report for North Yorkshire (attached at Appendix A). This year Dr Sargeant has looked at poverty from a public health perspective. The report provides a review of the health of our population and focuses on some of the areas where we can take collective actions and protect people from the worst effects of poverty.

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

1.1 Support deprived areas

North Yorkshire County Council, the Borough and District Councils should lead coordinated plans focused on areas of deprivation through collaboration with local communities and residents to reflect their priorities for reducing poverty and shaping

healthy places. Selby District has one lower super output area, Selby West) in the most deprived 10% nationally.

The eleven most deprived neighbourhoods in North Yorkshire, 2015

LSOA Code	LSOA name (2011)	Ward containing LSOA	Rank of 42,844 LSOAs in England	Rank (NY)	Seven domains – national decile (1 is most deprived)						
					Employment	Income	Health Deprivation and Disability	Education, Skills and Training	Crime	Living Environment	Barriers to Housing and Services
E01027874	Scarborough 007D	Woodlands	313	1	1	1	1	1	3	8	3
E01027819	Scarborough 012B	Eastfield	318	2	1	1	1	1	1	7	3
E01027806	Scarborough 006B	Castle	319	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	5
E01027847	Scarborough 006D	North Bay	751	4	1	1	2	1	1	1	4
E01027804	Scarborough 010A	Castle	1,005	5	1	1	1	3	1	1	5
E01027817	Scarborough 012A	Eastfield	1,714	6	1	1	1	1	3	6	4
E01027907	Selby 005C	Selby West	2,057	7	1	1	2	1	4	9	5
E01027740	Harrogate 013F	Woodfield	2,283	8	1	1	1	3	4	7	6
E01027820	Scarborough 012C	Eastfield	2,515	9	1	1	2	1	5	6	6
E01027805	Scarborough 006A	Castle	2,561	10	1	2	2	2	1	1	8
E01027869	Scarborough 001C	Whitby West Cliff	2,792	11	1	2	1	4	2	1	5

1.2 Tackle rural poverty

Local authorities in North Yorkshire should continue to advocate for an inclusive, vibrant and sustainable rural economy as integral to the local industrial strategies being developed by Local Enterprise Partnerships and City Region deals.

North Yorkshire County Council, the Borough and District Councils should consider developing a coordinated Rural Strategy that highlights rural-specific needs including employment, connectivity and affordable housing.

1.3 Reduce childhood inequalities

All agencies working with children and families should be alert to the risk and impact of childhood poverty and ensure they take account of hidden and indirect costs that may hinder a child’s full participation in the services they offer. Plans that are drawn up to support children and families should reflect this assessment and should include actions to mitigate the impact of poverty identified.

As part of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, North Yorkshire County Council and Clinical Commissioning Groups in North Yorkshire should undertake specific investigation into child poverty to provide an updated picture of the scale and distribution of child poverty across North Yorkshire to inform strategies and service delivery.

1.4 Work with military families and veterans

Military and related agencies should ensure that service and veteran-specific issues identified in the needs assessment are addressed.

All agencies should identify and trail military service champions within their organisations to ensure that military veterans are not disadvantaged when accessing local services such as health and housing in keeping with the commitments of the Armed Forces Covenant.

1.5 Create safe environments for high-risk groups

All agencies working with people with multiple health and social problems should consider a 'housing first' approach that provides a safe and stable environment which is sensitive and flexible to the needs and individual circumstances of the person.

1.6 Develop priorities to mitigate the impact of changes to the benefit system

As part of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, North Yorkshire County Council and Clinical Commissioning Groups in North Yorkshire should undertake specific investigation to understand the impact of changes to the benefit system, cuts and sanctions on people, in terms of their mental and physical health and the use of services to set new strategic priorities in local plans to mitigate these impacts.

1.7 Improve community engagement

North Yorkshire County Council, the Borough and District Councils should work with voluntary and community sector partners to strengthen the involvement of local communities in shaping plans for reducing the impact of poverty in areas of deprivation.

All agencies should identify or appoint community champions and senior sponsors to promote a culture of community engagement in their organisations.

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 2019 annual report are welcomed.

5. Background Documents

None.

6. Appendices

Appendix A – Report of the Director of Public Health for North Yorkshire, 2019

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