

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting	Health Select Commission
2.	Date	11/07/2014
3.	Title	Director of Public Health - Annual Report
4.	Directorate	Public Health

5. Summary

This is the first Annual Report of the Director of Public Health in Rotherham since the 2012 Health and Social Care Act placed the responsibility for Public Health with Councils. It focusses on an analysis of the causes of death and disability in the Borough and the health inequalities that exist between Rotherham and the rest of England.

6. Recommendations

That Members note the Report.

That Members receive a future update on progress in reducing health inequalities.

7. Proposals and details

This is the first Annual Report of the Director of Public Health in Rotherham since the 2012 Health and Social Care Act placed the responsibility for Public Health with Councils. The core purpose is to provide an analysis, to help planners and policy makers to plan and monitor local programmes and services that impact on health. Most of these health planners and policy makers sit around the table at the Health and Wellbeing Board. The Annual Report, attached at Appendix 1, also sets out to influence and inform policy across the council particularly in the areas of air pollution and keeping people active.

Calculations of life expectancy use current death rates to calculate a figure in years that the average person in the community could expect to live today. The intention of the report is to start to answer the questions - What can we do today to help people live longer? What are the steps we can take now to help people live longer healthier lives?

8. Finance

Reward Grant Funding for local authorities is likely to be based on progress in tackling the two Core Public Health Outcome Framework Objectives of life expectancy and healthy life expectancy.

9. Risks and uncertainties

As in Finance.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The Director of Public Health has a statutory responsibility to produce an annual report which the Council has a statutory duty to publish. Future annual reports should report against the recommendations outlined in this 2013-14 annual report.

The intention of this report is to sit alongside the Health and Wellbeing Strategy, which focusses on the wider determinants of Health to advise on the practical interventions the health system can make to reduce the risk of early death.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

None.

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