

**Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development**

**Report to Scrutiny Board (Health and Wellbeing and Adult Social Care)**

**Date: 29 January 2014**

**Subject: Director of Public Health Annual Report 2013**

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: 10.4.3	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

**Summary of main issues**

1. Under the Health & Social Care Act 2012, the Director of Public Health has a duty to produce an Annual Report on the health of the population. On 18 December 2013, the Executive Board received and considered the Director of Public Health's Annual Report for 2013.
2. A copy of the Executive Board report and the associated Director of Public Health's Annual are attached for consideration by the Scrutiny Board. An extract from the draft minutes of the Executive Board meeting is provided below:

**142 Director of Public Health Annual Report 2013<sup>1</sup>**

*The Director of Public Health submitted a report presenting a summary of the background, content and key issues from the Director of Public Health's Annual Report 2013. A copy of the full Annual Report was included within the agenda. Under the Health & Social Care Act 2012, the Director of Public Health has a duty to produce an Annual Report on the health of the population.*

*In presenting the report, the Director of Public Health highlighted that protecting the health of the population continued to be an important component of public health and therefore had become a new responsibility for councillors; using the 1877 Annual Report as a comparison this year's report focused on infectious disease, air quality, infant mortality and the role of school nursing in protecting children's health – covering progress and future challenges.*

<sup>1</sup> Extract from the draft minutes to be approved at the Executive Board meeting to be held on Wednesday, 22nd January, 2014

*The Board commended the work undertaken across several service areas in preparation of the Annual Report and requested that the report also be referred to the Children's Trust Board for consideration*

**RESOLVED –**

- a) *That the contents of the report be noted*
- b) *That the recommendations, including the proposal to create a Health Protection Board under the Leeds Health & Well Being Board, be supported*
- c) *To recommend that the report is received by the Scrutiny Board (Health and Well-being and Adult Social Care) and also by the Leeds Children's Trust Board for consideration.*

3. As outlined in the Executive Board report, protecting the health of the population continues to be an important component of public health and therefore becomes a new responsibility for councillors. Furthermore, the Director of Public Health's Annual Report for 2013 uses the 1877 Annual Report as a comparison and focuses on the following areas – covering progress and future challenges:
  - infectious disease;
  - air quality;
  - infant mortality; and,
  - the role of school nursing in protecting children's health.
4. The Director of Public Health has been invited to the meeting to present the report and address any questions / points raised by the Scrutiny Board.
5. Members are reminded that the Scrutiny Board identified 'Narrowing the Gap' as a particular priority area for its work programme in 2013/14. At its meeting in December 2013, the Scrutiny Board considered a report in response to the issues raised by the 2012 Annual Report of the Chief Medical Officer – *Our Children Deserve Better: Prevention Pays*. A summary of the points discussed is included in the draft minutes from that meeting – presented elsewhere on the agenda.
6. In addition, the Scrutiny Board has identified 'smoking reduction' as a further specific topic to consider as part of its work on 'Narrowing the Gap'. The Director of Public Health's Annual Report might help the Scrutiny Board identify other specific topics to consider in more detail, as part of this work.

**Recommendations**

7. The Scrutiny Board (Health and Wellbeing and Adult Social Care) is asked to:
  - Consider the information presented and discussed at the meeting;
  - Determine any specific matters that warrant further and more detailed scrutiny as part of its work on 'Narrowing the Gap'.

**Background documents<sup>2</sup>**

8. None used.

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<sup>2</sup> The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.