

Local Members Interest
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Cabinet – 15 April 2015

“Healthy Ageing in Staffordshire: Adding Life to Years and Years to Life” The Annual Report of the Director of Public Health for Staffordshire, 2014/15

Recommendations of the Cabinet Member for Health, Care and Wellbeing

- a. Cabinet Members to note and endorse the content of the report.
- b. Cabinet Members to consider its actions and next steps in response to the report recommendations.

Report of the Director of Public Health Staffordshire

Background and Context

1. Traditionally Directors of Public Health have always produced an independent annual public health report on the state of health of the local population.
2. The Health and Social Care Act 2012 (1), that formalised the transfer of public health responsibilities to the local authority including additional statutory duties for the local authority with regard to health and wellbeing, also specifies the requirement for the production of these reports. It states that:
 - a. Local Directors of Public Health are to write an independent annual report on the health of the local population, either on a range of health assessment issues or to highlight a specific issue, which is relevant to the local area.
 - b. The local authority has a duty to publish the annual report.

Alignment of the Annual Report with the Staffordshire County Council Business Plan

3. The theme of the report is the health and wellbeing of older people in Staffordshire (2). This is fully aligned with the County Council’s vision with the particular aim of reviewing opportunities to promote more healthy and active ageing for older people. The content, analysis and recommendations of the report address the Business Plan commissioning intentions, including:
 - **Great Place to Live:** Support the development of the right housing stock; utilise and maintain our built and natural environment to improve health and wellbeing and strengthen community assets
 - **Living Well:** Enable positive behaviour and support; improve the wider determinants of health to improve quality of life, support independence at all ages and prepare for the later stages of life to ensure a high quality of years as well as increased life expectancy

- **Enjoying Life:** create the right environment to mobilise individuals and communities to think, behave and feel more positive

References:

1. **Health and Social Care Act 2012.** Functions of local authorities as to improve public Health (Online)
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2012/7/section/12/enacted>
2. **“Healthy Ageing in Staffordshire: Adding Life to Years and Years to Life”,
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