

**13 June 2017****Agenda Item: 6**

## **REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

### **HEALTH INEQUALITIES**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide information on the work being undertaken by Nottinghamshire County Council to address health inequalities.

#### **Information and Advice**

2. Barbara Brady, Acting Director of Public Health, Nottinghamshire County Council will attend the Health Scrutiny Committee to brief Members on the latest measures to address health inequalities.
3. Health inequalities are differences between people or groups due to social, geographical, biological or other factors. These differences have a huge impact, because they result in people who are worst off experiencing poorer health and shorter lives.
4. Local authorities are uniquely placed to tackle health inequalities, as many of the social and economic determinants of health, and the services or activities which can make a difference, fall within their remit. The challenge is to reduce the difference in mortality and morbidity rates between rich and poor and to increase the quality of life and sense of wellbeing of the whole local community.
5. A presentation from the Public Health Department is attached as an appendix to this report.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Health Scrutiny Committee:

- 1) Receives the briefing on health inequalities and asks questions, as necessary
- 2) Indicates requirements for further information, as required

**Councillor Keith Girling**  
**Chairman of Health Scrutiny Committee**

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**Background Papers**

None

**Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

All