

**7 October 2019**

**Agenda Item: 5**

## **REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

### **COUNTY COUNCIL RESPONSE TO GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION – ADVANCING OUR HEALTH: PREVENTION IN THE 2020S**

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

1. To seek approval for the proposed County Council response to a Government consultation seeking views on how to place prevention at the centre of health and care system decision making.

#### **Information**

2. On 22 July 2019 the Government published a green paper, Advancing our health: prevention in the 2020s. The document sets out the opportunities to ensure the 2020s is the decade of proactive, predictive, and personalised prevention in relation to health and care. This means targeted support, tailored lifestyle advice, personalised care, and greater protection against future threats.
3. Notwithstanding the significant improvements in the nation's health that have resulted from decades of traditional public health interventions, the green paper identifies a number of challenges in the coming years. These include our concerted efforts to tackle the implications of smoking, obesity, air quality, and mental health.
4. The paper proposes to confront these challenges and make the most of the opportunities available by signalling a new approach for the health and care system in which government, both local and national, work with the health and care system to place prevention at the centre of all decision-making. Individuals and communities are identified as key to making this ambition a success as health is a shared responsibility in which only by working together can we achieve a vision of healthier and happier lives for everyone.
5. An executive summary of the green paper can be found in **appendix 1**.
6. The County Council has a statutory duty to improve the health and wellbeing of residents. Evidence shows that many aspects of ill-health experienced by people in Nottinghamshire

are avoidable, therefore the Council considers prevention to be a high priority which underpins wellbeing and prosperity in all our communities.

7. The Nottinghamshire Health and Wellbeing Board Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2018-2022 identifies prevention – helping people and communities to support each other and prevent problems from arising – as a key way of working in order to achieve its ambitions. The authority also promotes the prevention agenda through its membership of the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care System (ICS) and the South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw ICS.
8. The government consultative paper therefore provides an opportunity for the County Council to shape and influence the forthcoming approach to prevention in health and care to improve the lives of Nottinghamshire residents.
9. The open consultation requests responses to a number of questions in relation to the proposals for a new approach for the health and care system, as set out above. These questions range from taking care of our mental health to creating healthy spaces. The proposed response from the County Council is set out in **appendix 2**.
10. Consultation responses are required by 14 October 2019.

#### **Other Options Considered**

11. No other options were considered.

#### **Reason/s for Recommendation/s**

12. The County Council plays a major part in improving health and care outcomes for Nottinghamshire residents, of which prevention is a key component. The proposed response to the government consultation therefore provides an opportunity to positively influence the national agenda to improve services and outcomes for local residents.

#### **Statutory and Policy Implications**

13. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public-sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

#### **Financial Implications**

14. There are no financial implications directly arising from this report.

#### **Human Resources Implications**

15. There are no human resources implications directly arising from this report.

## **RECOMMENDATION/S**

That Committee:

- 1) considers if there are any amendments required to the proposed consultation response
- 2) approves the proposed County Council response to the Government consultation

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### **Constitutional Comments (EP 09/09/2019)**

16. The recommendations fall within the remit of the Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee by virtue of its terms of reference.

### **Financial Comments (DG 09/09/2019)**

17. There are no specific financial implications arising from this report

### **Background Papers and Published Documents**

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- Nottinghamshire Health and Wellbeing Board Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2018-2022

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

All.