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Subject:

Annual Review of Public Health Priority Actions 2018-2019

Purpose of report:

The purpose of this report is to present our Annual Review of Public Health Priority Actions in 2018-19. The Review celebrates activities by services across the Council which have supported and helped to improve physical health and mental wellbeing across the District.

Our public health activities underpin East Devon's overarching ambition to be and remain an outstanding place. The work aligns with the Council Plan, and also with wider-Devon and national priorities for instance ones identified by Devon's Health and Wellbeing Board and by Public Health England.

The Review demonstrates why we should care about our residents' health and wellbeing, and demonstrates ways in which we embrace opportunities for our services to support health and wellbeing across the district.

The Review showcases our partnership work and our focus on individuals and local communities, by providing them with opportunities and the information or support needed to help people lead healthier happier lives as independently as possible.

Recommendation:

That Cabinet approves the Annual Review of Public Health Priority Actions 2018-2019

Reason for recommendation:

The Annual review of public health priority actions 2018-2019 is recommended to further encourage services to help support and improve health and wellbeing across the District in 2019 onwards.

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Financial implications:

There are no direct financial implication as the report notes actions taken by services across the Council with no specific recommendation in the report.

Legal implications:

There are no direct legal implications which require comment.

Equalities impact:

Low Impact

Risk:

Low Risk

Links to background information:

A yearly implementation plan identifies activities across the council which are designed to meet public health priorities. Progress against these activities is reviewed annually, highlighting particular achievements across the services as in this current Annual Review.

Public health implementation plans, annual reviews, and our public health strategic plan, are all available here:

<http://eastdevon.gov.uk/health-and-wellbeing/east-devons-public-health-plan-and-review-of-progress/>

Link to Council Plan:

This report helps to address the four Council priorities:

Encouraging communities to be outstanding

Developing an outstanding local economy

Delivering and promoting our outstanding environment

Continuously improving to be an outstanding council.

Report in full

Our Annual review of public health priority actions 2018-2019 is presented in full **here**:

We believe we have an overarching responsibility to consider health and wellbeing in all our council activities. Everything we do aims to ensure that East Devon is a place where people want to live, work, visit and enjoy life, focusing on where there is greatest need.

East Devon is an outstanding place, so it can be easy to feel complacent, but although people are living longer, many are often in poorer health. While that is a national trend, there are health inequalities across our district which we should work to address.

Our Review explains what we mean by public health, and why it matters to us. It outlines why we should care about health and wellbeing; why we believe it is our job to support health and wellbeing; and how we identified our priorities, based on actions stated in service plans.

It illustrates activities and the communities we focused on to most effectively tackle inequalities within the District. It showcases how we can meet our priorities by playing to our strengths. For example our natural open spaces provide valuable opportunities for us to achieve many of our public health priorities, ranging from increasing levels of physical activity, to improved mental wellbeing and reducing social isolation. StreetScene, the Countryside team, our Community Development Workers and others have involved our communities in delivering and deriving benefit from these spaces.

Examples from each service are given in the Annual Review, including a selection listed here:

The Countryside team developed and submitted a Wild Exmouth Heritage Lottery Fund bid for supporting volunteering, outdoor learning and public events programme on the town's LNRs and Valley Parks green spaces.

Thelma Hulbert Gallery worked with EDDC's Housing tenants to run and deliver their own exhibition showcasing the tenants' art.

The Economy and Regeneration Services team led delivery of temporary uses at Queen's Drive Space; involving teams including Streetscene, Property & Estates, Planning, Licensing, Environmental Health, Legal, Finance and Communications. External partners were procured, along with external support and advice for delivery of food, drink and entertainment aspects.

Working within the Environmental Health team, the public health project officer set up an exploratory meeting at Littleham Primary School with the head teacher and WEB Board vice-chair to discuss health and wellbeing priorities, then created a programme for the school's health & wellbeing week - secured input from dental outreach team, nutritionist, public library, online safety consultant, EDDC Countryside & Housing teams, and sponsorship.

Environmental Health's Commercial team performed nearly 700 food inspections, ensuring better quality food production leading to less food-related illness.

Revenues and Benefits team signpost and refer customers to other agencies for help and support where they identify opportunities to address issues associated with financial hardship, social isolation or vulnerability.

The Licensing team prepared safeguarding awareness sessions for the taxi trade in line with protecting safeguarding children and vulnerable adults in our communities.

Furthering Cranbrook Healthy New Town programme work, the Growth Point team provided support to bring forward development in Cranbrook town centre. This included commissioning commercial advice and a business planning exercise for the Town Council building.

The Housing teams delivered four community festivals; a number of 'play days' in rural areas; and extended their community development programme.

For staff, there are a range of 'Happy, Healthy, Here' activities and schemes promoting staff health and wellbeing, including lunchtime staff walks and our occupational health service, coordinated by the Organisational Development and Transformation team.

The Planning team allocated over £350,000 of Section 106 money on infrastructure to address the impacts of development and meet the needs of residents including over £200,000 on play areas in the district.

Property & Estates Service designed new external lighting schemes to external multi-use games area [MUGA] sports pitches to improve the lighting and customer experience at two sites in Honiton and Ottery St Mary.

Streetscene provided ongoing support for Park Runs on EDDC land, maintaining high quality free-to-use green spaces for sports and leisure activities and ample green space for relaxation and mental wellbeing.

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