

## **HEALTH AND PARTNERSHIPS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 5 DECEMBER 2019**

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### **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH 2018 / 2019 HEALTHY NEW TOWNS: DARLINGTON**

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#### **SUMMARY REPORT**

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

1. To share the Annual Report of the Director of Public Health 2018 / 2019 which has a particular focus on the legacy of the Darlington Healthy New Towns programme.
2. To share a briefing report on the Local Authority Profile for Darlington in 2019. (Please see Appendix One)

##### **Summary**

3. Under the 2006 NHS Act (inserted by section 31 of the Health and Social Care Act (2012)) each Director of Public Health is required to produce, and the relevant local authority to publish, an annual report. The subject for discussion in the Annual Report 2018/2019 is Healthy New Towns, with a focus on legacy.
4. The report is structured around five chapters reflecting the key strands of the programme - setting the context, built and natural environment, community asset building, new models of care and evaluation of the programme.
5. Darlington was selected as a pilot "Healthy New Town site" in 2016, chosen from over 100 applicants. The NHS England funding was for a programme across England to explore how the development of new places could improve health and wellbeing through the built environment, healthcare, service design and strong communities.
6. The Darlington programme was a complex collaboration with a range of partners including NHS organisations, private sector housing, digital technology partners, universities, community leaders and a range of Darlington Borough Council departments.
7. The NHS funding was key to accelerating plans and resourcing a range of activities. While all partners were aware that the programme fund was fixed term, the legacy of Healthy New Towns is based on the cumulative efforts of partners to improve health and wellbeing. Overall the Healthy New Towns programme has produced more collaboration i.e. health, housing, planning, digital and a better appreciation of the interdependencies across partners.

## Recommendation

8. It is recommended that: -

- (a) Health and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee receive the Annual Report of the Director of Public Health 2018 / 2019 and note the focus on legacy of the programme.
- (b) Health and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee note the Local Authority Health Profile and the actions outlined to address the key issues.

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S17 Crime and Disorder	No specific impact
Health and Well Being	The key themes of the Healthy New Towns programme are wider determinants of health.
Carbon Impact and Climate Change	No specific impact.
Diversity	No specific impact.
Wards Affected	All
Groups Affected	A population approach.
Budget and Policy Framework	Not applicable
Key Decision	No
Urgent Decision	No
One Darlington: Perfectly Placed	The Healthy New Towns programme was aligned to the One Darlington: Perfectly Placed strategy.
Efficiency	Shared models of working across sectors
Impact on Looked After Children and Care Leavers	No specific impact.

## MAIN REPORT

**Please see full Annual Report of the Director of Public Health 2018 / 2019**  
**Healthy New Towns: Darlington**