

# North Yorkshire County Council

## Executive

7<sup>th</sup> December 2021

### Director of Public Health Annual Report 2020

#### 1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to introduce the Director of Public Health Annual Report 2020, shown at Appendix 1.

#### 2.0 Background

- 2.1 Under his delegated decision making powers in the Officers' Delegation Scheme in the Council's Constitution, the Chief Executive Officer has power, in cases of emergency, to take any decision, which could be taken by the Council, the Executive or a committee. Following on from the expiry of the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, which allowed for committee meetings to be held remotely, the County Council resolved at its meeting on 5 May 2021 that, for the present time, in light of the continuing Covid-19 pandemic circumstances, remote live-broadcast committee meetings should continue (as informal meetings of the Committee Members), with any formal decisions required being taken by the Chief Executive Officer under his emergency decision making powers and after consultation with other Officers and Members as appropriate and after taking into account any views of the relevant Committee Members. This approach will be reviewed in February 2022.
- 2.2 The Director of Public Health has a duty to write a report, whereas the authority's duty is to publish it (under section 73B(5) & (6) of the 2006 Act, inserted by section 31 of the 2012 Act). The content and structure of the report may be decided locally.

#### 3.0 Issues

- 3.1 The Director of Public Health Annual Report for 2020 considers the following:
- Progress on past recommendations and priorities
  - Health In North Yorkshire
  - North Yorkshire's COVID-19 response
  - Protecting and Improving the health and wellbeing of the North Yorkshire population
  - North Yorkshire Public Health priorities for 2021- 2025

#### 4.0 Recommendation

- 4.1 That Executive Members note the content of the report.

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Director of Public Health

**Appendix 1** - Director of Public Health Annual Report for 2020