

Report of the Chief Executive

TOBACCO CONTROL ACTION PLAN1. Purpose of report

To request that the Committee approve the latest Tobacco Action Plan.

2. Detail

According to the National Health Service, smoking is one of the biggest causes of death and illness in the UK. Every year, around 100,000 people in the UK die from smoking, with many more living with debilitating smoking-related illnesses. Smoking increases the risk of developing more than 50 serious health conditions. Some may be fatal and others can cause irreversible long-term damage to health.

In 2016, the proportion of current smokers in the UK was 15.8%, which equates to around 7.6 million in the population, a statistically significant decline of more than 4 percentage points, and the lowest prevalence, since 2010.

Data from Public Health England indicates that in 2016 (the latest year for which data is currently available) 16.5% of the population of Broxtowe were smokers, compared with a figure of 15.5% for the United Kingdom as a whole.

In December 2014, Broxtowe Borough Council signed up to the Nottinghamshire County and Nottingham City Declaration on Tobacco Control. Part of the Local Government Declaration on Tobacco Control, this has a number of key aims, including developing plans with partners and local communities to address the causes and impacts of tobacco use.

As part of the Council's on-going commitment to reducing the health impacts of tobacco use, a Tobacco Control Action Plan has been produced and is shown at appendix 1.

Recommendation

Committee is asked to RESOLVE the Tobacco Control Action Plan 2018-19 be approved.

Background papers

Nil