Report of the Chief Executive

TOBACCO CONTROL ACTION PLAN

1. Purpose of report

To advise Committee of, and to seek approval for, the latest Tobacco Control 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 78,000 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 2018, the proportion of current smokers in England was 14.4%, which equates to around 6.36 million in the population. This represents a statistically significant decline since 2011 of more than 5 percentage points.

Data from Public Health England indicates that in 2018 (the latest year for which data is currently available) 13.4% of the adult population of Broxtowe were smokers, compared with figures of 15.8% for the East Midlands, and 14.4% for England as a whole. The figure for Broxtowe was 16.5% in 2016 and is therefore showing a welcome reduction. Broxtowe has the second lowest figure amongst local authorities in Nottinghamshire.

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 in the appendix to this report.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to RESOLVE that the Tobacco Control Action Plan 2020-22 be approved.

Background papers

Nil