

# HEALTH AND WELLBEING OSC

## REPORT TO CABINET

21 September 2022

### **Proposals for the allocation of the Public Health ring-fenced grant reserve to reduce health inequalities**

The report was presented to the Committee, at their meeting on 6 September 2022, by Gill O'Neil, Interim Deputy Director of Public Health, and Jim Brown, Consultant in Public Health.

The Committee sought to understand the impact the reserve could have on reducing health inequalities. Members discussed each of the key proposed areas in the report whilst being assured of the effectiveness of Strategic Creative Health Managers, stressing the importance of NHS health checks, and acknowledging the potential influence of the selective licencing proposal.

The Committee were welcoming of the proposal to support young people with emotional and mental health needs and strongly supported the report overall. Members also heard support from HealthWatch Northumberland.

The Committee, therefore, **AGREED** to advise the Cabinet they supported the recommendations as outlined in the report unanimously.

**VERONICA JONES**  
**CHAIR**