

Meeting: Health and Wellbeing Board
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Classification: Part 1
Key Decision: No
Title of Report: Director of Public Health Annual Report: 2022-23

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. The Director of Public Health (DPH) is required to produce an annual report every year. Attached as appendix 1 is the DPH report for Southend for 2022-23., with a focus on Prevention. The Annual report was presented and approved at Cabinet on 18th July 2023
- 1.2. The DPH annual report reviews the work for the 2022 – 23 and identifies the DPH's priorities for 2023 – 24. This year's report will focus on data and intelligence led key areas and covers the following four themes:
 - 1.2.1 Tackling health inequalities using the Core20PLUS5 frameworks – Adults and Children.
 - 1.2.2 Promoting Healthier Lifestyles- Stop Smoking, Healthy weight
 - 1.2.3 Early detection of long-term conditions, with a focus on Cardiovascular conditions and Diabetes.
 - 1.2.4 Transforming Children, Young People and Families services, with a lens on Protecting and Safeguarding young people and the development of Family and Community hubs.
 - 1.2.5 It is imperative that HWB Board members collaborate further on improving data and information sharing and set this as a collective priority for Southend.
- 1.3. An updated summary of actions on the progress made against each of the recommendations from last year's Annual Report is included.

2. Recommendations

The Board is asked to note the content of the 2022 – 2023 Annual Public Report.

3. Background

- 3.1. The Health and Social Care Act 2012 requires the Director of Public Health to prepare an annual report on the health of the local population. This is an independent report which the local authority is required to publish.
- 3.2. The Council has a statutory duty to protect the health of the local population. The 2022-23 Annual Public Health Report highlights the key issues and actions to address those issues for the people in Southend.
- 3.3. The report is an opportunity to identify issues that impact on the health and wellbeing of the local population, highlight any concerns and make recommendations for further action.
- 3.4. The reporting theme on Prevention including the use of ‘ infographics’ was agreed with cross-party Councillors.
- 3.5. This is building on previous years’ reporting format.

4. Reasons for Decisions

The Health and Social Care Act 2012 requires Directors of Public Health to prepare an annual report on the health of their local population and for it to be published.

5. Other Options

There are no other options presented as it is a statutory duty of the Director of Public Health to prepare an Annual Public Health Report.

6. Financial Implications

All Public Health Services are delivered within the budget of the Public Health Grant funding that the Council is allocated by the Government.

7. Legal Implications

There are no legal implications arising directly from this report.

8. Policy Context

Contribution to Council’s Southend 2050 Ambition and Priorities and the Mid and South Essex (MSE) Health and Care Partnership’s shared priorities.

9. Carbon Impact

9.1. N/A

10. Equalities

The Annual Public Health Report provides evidence that population health needs are assessed and considered and utilises all the information produced in our local Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

11. Consultation

Not applicable

12. Appendices

Appendix 1: Director of Public Health Annual Report :2022- 23.
Background documents are referenced throughout the Annual Public Health Report, with direct web-links.