

Meeting: Cabinet
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Classification: Part 1
Key Decision: No
Title of Report: Annual Public Health Report 2023-24

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. The Director of Public Health (DPH) is required to produce an annual report. The focus of the priorities are drawn from a combinations of our Joint Strategic Needs Assessment products and the Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Partnership's Strategy (2023-2033) with a focus on prevention and reducing health inequalities.
- 1.2. An updated summary of actions on the progress made against each of the recommendations from last year's Annual Report (2022-23) is included in the appendices.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that Cabinet:

- 2.1. Review and comment on the content of this report and the recommendations/ actions proposed.

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 DPH annual report reviews the undertakings for 2023-24 and identifies the DPH's priorities for 2024-25. This year's report will focus on a limited number of areas where we need to collectively gain better traction to improve health and wellbeing outcomes. The 2024-25 priorities cover the following five themes:

- 3.2.1. **Health Protection** – continue to improve the uptake of MMR vaccination, and Flu vaccination for the most at risk groups as well as driving significant improvement in the uptake of the pneumococcal vaccination for people with learning disabilities – we included a slide on the recommendations from the Learning Disabilities mortality review report of 2023.
- 3.2.2. **Children and Young People** – Further develop our community/family hub service offer following the reconfiguration of our Family Centres for a more efficient service offer. Work with our schools and NHS partners to develop a new School Health and Wellbeing service offer which is fit for the future and reduce the significant inequalities in oral health and wellbeing for children.
- 3.2.3. **Health and Work** – Further build on the local endeavours to promote health and wellbeing at work, support people with significant health conditions to gain and retain employment and generate more vibrancy in addressing the core inequalities that impact employment as a coastal community.
- 3.2.4. **Women’s health and wellbeing** - Closing the gender health gap and supporting women to live well will not only benefit the health and wellbeing of women, but the health of the economy. We propose to make further improvement in access to health screening programmes and taking a life course approach in reshaping local service offers, with more engagement with our third sector partners.

3.3. The reporting theme makes use of ‘infographics’ as agreed with cross-party Councillors, building on previous years’ reporting format.

3.4. The report will be taken to a meeting of the Southend Health and Wellbeing Board.

4. Reasons for Decisions

4.1. The Council has a statutory duty to protect the health of the local population. The 2023-24 Annual Public Health Report highlights some of the key issues and actions to address them for the people in Southend.

5. Other Options

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

6. Financial Implications

6.1. 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

7.1. There are no legal implications arising directly from this report.

8. Policy Context

8.1. 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. No significant anticipated impact

10. Equalities

10.1. 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

11.1. None required

12. Appendices

12.1. **Appendix 1:** Please see attached the final draft of the Annual Public Health Report 2023-24.

13. Report Authorisation

This report has been approved for publication by:		
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