

REPORT TO COUNCIL

21 JANUARY 2026

**REPORT OF CORPORATE
MANAGEMENT TEAM**

Director of Public Health Report 2025

Summary

The Director of Public Health Annual Report 2025 is brought to Council for consideration.

Recommendation

It is recommended the report is noted.

Detail

1. Under the Health and Social Care Act (2012), the Director of Public Health has a duty to prepare an independent annual report. The report was considered by Health and Wellbeing Board in December 2025.
2. People are the heart of our local places across the borough. The Director of Public Health Report 2025 aims to set out a community-centred public health approach that can be used to bring together work with communities and work on developing healthy places. The report sets out examples of work already underway and proposes further actions. The approach and next steps set out in the report support delivery of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and the Stockton-on-Tees Plan.
3. The report also sets out progress against the actions set in the last Director of Public Health Report.
4. The report is being considered by Cabinet on 15 January 2026 – through discussion with the communications team, this will be uploaded to form a web-based report following consideration at Cabinet. The web-based content will be developed in-line with accessibility requirements and with web links to references. As in previous years, hard copies of the report will also be available in libraries across the borough; additional hard copies will also be available on request.

Consultation and engagement

5. The report describes some of the work underway across the borough, which has been developed and delivered in partnership with partners and communities. The work supports delivery of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy which was also developed in partnership with Elected Members and partners. Both the Strategy and examples of local work have been developed based on information and intelligence from local communities through engagement, conversations and service user feedback.

Next Steps

6. Council is asked to receive the report. Progress against the proposed actions, embedding learning and monitoring of activity in the report will continue to be overseen and reported through the Lead Member, Corporate Management Team and Health and Wellbeing Board as part of core business.

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