REPORT TO ADULT SOCIAL CARE & HEALTH SELECT COMMITTEE

17TH NOVEMBER 2026

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Director of Public Health Annual Report 2026

Summary

The DPH is required to produce an independent annual report, which can serve to highlight a particular local issue, outline existing work and make recommendations for further action. The report aims to support and complement existing activity across the Council. The report is shared with ASCH Committee for information and comment and will also be shared at the November meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Recommendations

The following recommendations are made in the report:

1. Strengthen strategic leadership in relation to healthy weight and specifically the food environment
2. Implement the Healthy Weight Declaration
3. Increase focus on food environments and harmful industries
4. Strengthen community-centred approaches and peer support
5. Focus on prevention and early intervention

Detail

1. The report focuses on further proposed action for the Council and partners, working alongside communities, to give local people the best chance of living with a healthy weight, with particular focus on the food environment. Significant local work is underway which can be built on.
2. Particular focus should be on the socio-economic drivers of weight and inequality in outcomes, as this will yield a greater shift in population outcomes than an over-focus on individual behaviours – the recommendations reflect this focus.
3. The report will be web-based, so formatting will be done at that stage, including embedding photographs of local work, in line with internet accessibility requirements. Hard copies will be made available on request.

Community Impaction and Equality and Poverty Impact Assessment (optional)

1. An EPIA will be completed for plans emerging from the recommendations. The report and recommendations are rooted in research evidence and local intelligence and community insight, to help address inequality in experience and outcomes.

Corporate Parenting Implications (Optional)

1. Current and planned activity set out in the report aims to support healthy weight across the population, and enable targeted support for those communities at risk of poorer health outcomes. This includes children in care and care experienced young people, addressed through working with families, across the multi-agency workforce who support individuals, and with businesses and other partners.

Financial Implications (Optional)

1. No specific financial implications.

Legal Implications (Optional)

1. No specific legal implications.

Risk Assessment (Optional)

1. Risk assessment not required at this stage – this will be carried out in relation to specific operational activity as required.

Wards Affected and Consultation with ward/Councillors (refer to Concordat for Communication and Consultation with Members) (Optional)

1. The approach set out in the report is relevant to the whole borough. Implementation of specific operational actions may impact wards in different ways. Where this is the case, ward Councillors and communities will be involved in the work.

Background Papers

1. N/A

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