

**AGENDA ITEM**  
**REPORT TO COUNCIL**  
**22 NOVEMBER 2023**  
**REPORT OF**  
**CORPORATE**  
**MANAGEMENT TEAM**

**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT**

**Summary**

The Director of Public Health Annual Report 2022 is brought to Council for consideration.

**Recommended that the report be 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. As across local authorities nationally, there was a hiatus in producing these reports due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and subsequently due to the recovery work to stand back up core public health duties and services and catch up key work which has now been achieved.
2. The Director of Public Health Annual Report 2022 aims to capture an overview of key activity from a public health perspective, over the course of the unique and challenges events of the Covid-19 pandemic. It also seeks to summarise the learning from this period from a public health perspective and describe some of the activity since, in response to this learning.
3. Recovery across the health and wellbeing system and society continues and learning will continue to be embedded in the approach of public health going forward, working with partners.

**Consultation and Engagement**

- 5 The report describes some of the key work undertaken with partners and communities during the course of the pandemic and the actions since. Working alongside communities and Elected Members was an essential part of the local public health response.

**Next Steps**

7. Council is asked to receive the report. Embedding learning and monitoring of public health activity 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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