

## SBC DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

### Summary

The Committee is requested to consider the SBC Director of Public Health Annual Report 2023-2024.

### 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 Local Authority's duty is to publish it.
2. The SBC Director of Public Health Annual Report 2023-2024 outlines the challenge of persistent health inequalities experienced by people in Stockton-on-Tees. The report highlights existing examples of good practice and strong partnerships with other organisations and the voluntary and community sector, but is clear that a holistic and systematic approach is required to go further and faster in addressing inequalities. The proposed approach with interventions in civic society, community and services based on a self-assessment complements the Council's *Powering Our Future* policy.
3. The report was considered by SBC Cabinet on 16 May 2024 and then subsequently by full Council on 29 May 2024.
4. The SBC Director of Public Health is scheduled to be in attendance to present the report which is included within these meeting papers.

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