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Director of Public Health

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Wards: All

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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 From April 2013, it is a legal requirement of the Council to publish the Director of Public Health's Annual Report.
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- 1.3 Public Health moving into the Local Authority is an opportunity to make sure that Public Health underpins and runs through everything we do as a Local Authority to save lives and strengthen the health and wellbeing of the residents of Enfield.
- 1.4 Chapter 1 of this report describes the determinants of health and wellbeing. In particular it describes the importance of the wider determinants of health and wellbeing and the findings of the Marmot Review, *Fair Society, Healthy Lives*.
- 1.5 Chapter 2 describes the new Public Health System. In particular it talks about the role of local government, Health and Wellbeing Boards, Joint Strategic Needs Assessments and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategies.
- 1.6 Chapter 3 describes what we know about health outcomes in Enfield. In particular the chapter describes the high level of health inequalities faced by Enfield's residents
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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY (cont'd)

1.8 Based on the information in this report, the Director of Public Health's top five priorities for the year ahead are:

- Tackling childhood obesity
- Narrowing the life expectancy gap
- Making health everybody's business
- Making every contact count
- Putting health in every policy

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 To note the Annual Public Health Report and agree to ensure that future strategic decisions are mindful of the wider determinants of health and informed by the findings of the report

3. BACKGROUND

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The full document has previously been circulated to all Members and reference copies are available in the Members' Library and Group Offices. The document will be published on the Council's website.

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Not applicable.

5. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

It would be considered good practice for councils to be receive the Annual Public Health Report and be mindful of the findings.

6. COMMENTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE, RESOURCES AND CUSTOMER SERVICES AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS

6.1 Financial Implications

The Wanless Report proved that strong public health will result in lower costs for the NHS. Strong public health will result in lower cost pressures for the local authority. The report has no direct impact on finance.

6.2 Legal Implications

Section 31 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 inserts section 73B into the National Health Service Act 2006. Subsection 5 of that section imposes a duty on the Director of Public Health for a local authority to prepare an annual report on the health of the people in the area of the authority and subsection 6 imposes a duty on the local authority to publish it. This report would appear to fulfil that function.

6.3 Property Implications

None.

7. KEY RISKS

Improving Health & Wellbeing in Enfield sets out the strategy for addressing identified health related risks in the London Borough of Enfield. It comes at a pivotal time given the transition of Public Health responsibilities to Local Authorities in April 2013.

It seeks to maximise the opportunity arising from the Olympic Games legacy.

There is heavy reliance upon a number of partners and Chapter 4 sets out various roles and responsibilities of certain partners.

8. IMPACT ON COUNCIL PRIORITIES

8.1 Fairness for All

The Public Health agenda promotes tackling inequalities. The report provides many examples of the council and partners delivering on the three council priorities.

8.2 Growth and Sustainability

A healthy population is more able to take advantage of employment opportunities. The Dahlgren and Whitehead model of health makes clear the importance of employment and the wider determinants of health

8.3 Strong Communities

The Public Health agenda promotes tackling inequalities, sustainable communities and strong communities. The report provides many examples of the council and partners delivering on the three council priorities.

9. EQUALITIES IMPACT IMPLICATIONS

Tackling health inequalities will promote equalities

10. PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Currently Public Health is performance managed by the NHS. The Annual Public Health Report in conjunction with the Public Health Outcomes Framework will inform the creation of Enfield Council's Public Health Performance Management Framework.

11. HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

None.

12. HR IMPLICATIONS

The Annual Public Health Report should inform HR policy

13. PUBLIC HEALTH IMPLICATIONS

The APHR is a report on the Health and Wellbeing of Enfield's population.

Background Papers

None.