1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1. One of the statutory duties of the Director of Public Health is to produce an Annual Public Health Report (APHR). The council has a statutory responsibility to publish the APHR.

1.2. This year’s report is called “Mind the Gap” and focuses on reducing the gap in life expectancy in Enfield. The report is published in two versions, the short one for everyone and the long one for those who would like to see detailed information and data. The report outlines the evidence base of what works in tackling the life expectancy gap. It describes the evidence base generated by the National Support Team for Health Inequalities and the Marmot Report.

1.3. Chapter 6 of the report (please see long version) highlights the breadth of partners working to narrow the life expectancy gap in Enfield, including organisations based in Enfield and those outside eg UCL Partners, British Heart Foundation, and Cancer Research UK.

1.4. Since 2008 there have been major increases in life expectancy in Enfield. The life expectancy at birth for males and females has improved by 1.3 and 1.1 years respectively. Enfield achieved lowest mortality rate for people under 75 when compared to our Public Health England Longer Lives peer group. There have been major increases in life expectancy in the Edmonton area.

1.5. Smoking prevalence has decreased and more than 3,500 extra people in Enfield have had their blood pressure detected and controlled since 2008/09.

1.6. The report identifies the need to broaden the focus to Enfield Lock, Chase, Jubilee and Ponders End.
2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 Cabinet is asked to note the publication and the findings of the APHR.

3. BACKGROUND

The APHR was produced by a project team in public health department.

‘Life expectancy’ is a reflection of the current mortality in an area, and is used as a summary of health outcomes internationally. Life expectancy at birth gives the average number of years babies born today are expected to live if they experience ‘the same mortality rates as today throughout their life’.

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

No alternative options have been considered as it is a statutory requirement to produce an Annual Public Health report.

5. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

To inform Members of the Cabinet about the progress in reducing life expectancy gap, challenges ahead and ways to tackle the challenges.

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

6.1 Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report. However the findings can helpfully inform future decisions about the use of the Council’s Public Health Grant of £14.257m and wider public sector resources that can contribute to reducing the gap in life expectancy.

6.2 Legal Implications

Section 73B (5) of the National Health Service Act 2006 (inserted by section 31 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012) imposes a duty on a Director of Public Health to ‘prepare an annual report on the health of the people in the area of the local authority’. Section 73B (6) imposes a duty on the local authority to publish the report.

These requirements are met by the proposals set out in this report.

6.3 Property Implications

The Council uses its property portfolio in a wide variety of ways to positively promote public health by developing schemes for making healthy environments, enabling better delivery of services and facilitating appropriate locations for collaborating agencies and partners.
7. **KEY RISKS**

Not applicable.

8. **IMPACT ON COUNCIL PRIORITIES**

The report is in line with the vision of Enfield Council: to make Enfield a better place to live and work, delivering fairness for all, growth and sustainability and strong communities.


9. **EQUALITIES IMPACT IMPLICATIONS**

The report is aimed to reduce health inequalities.

10. **PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

The report may inform any future revisions to the Council’s performance management framework.

11. **HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

Not applicable.

12. **HR IMPLICATIONS**

Not applicable.

13. **PUBLIC HEALTH IMPLICATIONS**

The Annual Public Health Report 2014 focuses on the topic of life expectancy which is deemed by the Director of Public Health, Cabinet Member for Culture, Sport, Youth and Public health and the Health and Wellbeing Board as an important Public Health issue.

The Annual Public Health report can be accessed via the links below:

Short version:  

Long version:  

End of report.