

Report title	Public Health Annual Report 2021-2022	
Decision designation	AMBER	
Cabinet member with lead responsibility	Councillor Jasbir Jaspal Health and Wellbeing	
Key decision	Yes	
In forward plan	Yes	
Wards affected	All Wards	
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Report to be/has been considered by	Public Health Senior Leadership Team	18 May 2022
	Joint Children's, Education and Adults Leadership Team	16 June 2022
	Strategic Executive Board	5 July 2022
	Health and Wellbeing Together Board	13 July 2022

Recommendation for decision:

The Cabinet is recommended to:

1. Approve the publication of the Director of Public Health Annual Report for the period 2021 - 2022.

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 To present the Annual Report from the Director of Public Health for the period 2021 – 2022 for Cabinet approval.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 Production of an annual Public Health Report is a statutory requirement. It is the Director of Public Health's professional statement about the health and wellbeing of the city.
- 2.2 The Annual Report for 2021-2022 aims to inform professionals and members of the public about the current public health challenge faced by our residents, our immediate priorities and sets the strategic direction for creating a healthier city together in the wake of the pandemic. It also provides an update about the activities undertaken to safeguard the health and wellbeing of residents in relation to Covid-19 since the last report was published in July 2021.

3.0 Report contents

- 3.1 The focus for the Annual Report for 2021-2022 is 'creating a healthier city together' linked to the Our City Our Plan ambition for Wulfrunians to live, longer, healthier lives. It recognises that Covid-19 is likely to have had a negative impact on a wide range of health indicators and in many cases further widened inequality.
- 3.2 In addition to providing a summary of the partnership activity that took place to safeguard city residents in relation to Covid-19, the report provides a thematic summary of current and planned activity in relation to best start in life and growing well, access to primary care, targeted support via a health checks pilot, public mental health and wellbeing, physical inactivity and the wider determinants of health including housing and community cohesion. It concludes by highlighting the opportunity to build on the strengthened partnership working that has developed in response to the pandemic. The final section of the report includes a set of ward profiles including a series of health-related indicators. These have been designed to complement the ward data dashboards being developed by the Insight and Performance team.

4.0 Evaluation of alternative options

- 4.1 As this is a statutory requirement, there are no alternative options available.

5.0 Reasons for decisions

- 5.1 The Director of Public Health Annual Report is a statutory requirement.

6.0 Financial implications

- 6.1 Funding for Public Health is provided to the Council by the Department of Health and Social Care in the form of a ring-fenced grant.
- 6.2 The final Public Health grant allocation for the financial year 2021 - 2022 was £21.2million.

- 6.3 In addition, local authorities have received a number of grants in relation to Covid-19. These have to be spent in line with conditions.
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7.0 Legal implications

- 7.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.
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8.0 Equalities implications

- 8.1 Equality is promoted through the Public Health Vision 2030 and throughout local Public Health programmes, functions and services. This is to ensure that they advance equality and tackle inequalities relating to health outcomes and wider social determinants of health among groups that share protected characteristics.
- 8.2 Different groups within the population have been disproportionately affected by the pandemic. Addressing these inequalities is a key priority and we will use this information to inform our recovery.

9.0 All other implications

- 9.1 The report acknowledges the lasting physical, mental, social and economic impacts of the past year upon our population. It highlights the city's response to the coronavirus pandemic and how partners from across the city have worked together to keep our residents safe and highlights the areas of focus going forward to support delivery of the Council Plan.

10.0 Schedule of background papers

- 10.1 Our City Our Plan

11.0 Appendices

- 11.1 Appendix 1: Public Health Annual Report 2021-2022