

	<p>Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee</p> <p>30 March 2015</p>
<p>Title</p>	<p>The Annual Report of the Director of Public Health: From the Beatles to Beyoncé</p>
<p>Report of</p>	<p>Dr Andrew Howe, Director of Public Health</p>
<p>Wards</p>	<p>All</p>
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<p>Enclosures</p>	<p>Appendix A - The Annual Report of the Director of Public Health: From the Beatles to Beyoncé</p>
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Summary

This report looks back over 50 years at a selection of topics which were public health issues fifty years ago and remain issues today. The report gives a timeline for each of the topics and some suggestions about what we need to do in the future to address them.

The Committee previously scrutinised this item at their meeting on 9 February 2015. However, due to time pressures on the evening, the Chairman has requested that this item is re-presented to the Committee, so that the Committee can conduct further scrutiny on the Annual Report of the Director of Public Health.

Recommendations

1. The committee is requested to note the report.

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 Under section 73B of the National Health Service Act 2006 , the Director of Public Health must prepare an annual report on the health of the people in the area of the local authority. . The annual report is the Director of Public Health's professional statement about the health of local communities, based on sound epidemiological evidence, and interpreted objectively. The report must be published by the Council.
- 1.2 The annual report is an important vehicle by which Directors of Public Health can identify key issues, flag up problems, report progress and, thereby, serve their local populations. It will also be a key resource to inform local inter-agency action.
- 1.3 Director of Public Health annual reports should:
 - Contribute to improving the health and well-being of local populations
 - Reduce health inequalities
 - Promote action for better health, through measuring progress towards health targets
 - Assist with the planning and monitoring of local programmes and services that impact on health over time
- 1.4 This year, to coincide with the Director of Public Health's 50th birthday, the report reflects on a number of topics which were and remain important public health issues over the past fifty years.
- 1.5 The topics covered in the report are
 - Cardiovascular Disease
 - Tuberculosis
 - Sexually Transmitted Infections
 - Tobacco control
 - Vaccine Preventable Infections
 - Healthy life expectancy
- 1.6 For each topic, the report includes changes that have happened over the past 50 years; an assessment of the current situation and any inequalities in health; and finally, consideration of the evidence based interventions needed in the coming years to continue to address these issues.
- 1.7 The Annual Public Health report in 2013 was on the subject of physical activity. Since this report was published, the public health team have undertaken a number of pieces of work in collaboration with other council departments.
- 1.8 The Fit and Active Partnership Board has been established and has met three times since September. The board is still getting to grips with the business of understanding increasing participation in physical activity but has agreed a delivery plan and has made good links with both Council officers and sports organisations. The board has commented on the Colindale Parks development and has a member of the board on the Parks and Open Spaces Strategy Project Board. The Campaign, Fit and Active Barnet or FAB, has been taken over by the board and three priorities for this have been agreed – Disability, older people and an ongoing theme of children and young people.

- 1.9 The marked and measure routes and outdoor gyms are in place and feedback has been positive, a consultation on a second wave of outdoor gyms has been conducted by the Open Spaces team in Barnet.
- 1.10 The Barnet Schools Wellbeing Programme has been running since October 2013. The programme is based upon a number of Public Health work streams including physical activity. The programme provided physical activity support to all primary schools universally in Barnet. The Health Education Partnership was commissioned to provide physical activity support including training, consultancy and resources.
- 1.11 The most recent Evaluation Report in 2014 showed that 47 schools were participating in the physical activity programme which exceeded the target of 35, and 94 staff members have attended training around physical activity so far.
- 1.12 Physical activity is also part of the Healthy School London Awards and in Barnet 60 schools are currently registered; 20 schools have achieved their bronze award; and 5 have successfully achieved their silver award. Work to obtain a silver award has included increasing participation in physical activity clubs, carrying out physical activity audits and staff being skilled up in identifying children who need support with motor skills. The aim for the second academic year is to focus on schools involving parents more in physical activity opportunities.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Committee are asked to note this independent report.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 None

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 The report does not have specific recommendations but highlights some of the broad actions that are needed to continue to address the issues across the health and local government sectors. These actions will be addressed in the associated public health work streams and others are encouraged to take these into consideration in their commissioning plans.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

The issues covered in this report will be considered in the development of the next Health and Wellbeing Strategy which will be developed between April and September 2015. It will be presented to the HWB in Autumn 2015.

5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

All recommendations for the improvement of the health of the borough will have to be managed within the organisations current budgets. Over £100k is

identified for physical activity related investments in the Public Health Commissioning plan for the financial year 2015/2016.

5.3 **Legal and Constitutional References**

The Council's Constitution (Responsibility for Functions) sets out the terms of reference of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee as having the following responsibilities:

"To perform the overview and scrutiny role in relation to health issues which impact upon the residents of the London Borough of Barnet and the functions services and activities of the National Health Service (NHS) and NHS bodies located within the London Borough of Barnet and in other areas."

5.4 **Risk Management**

None

5.5 **Equalities and Diversity**

The 2010 Equality Act outlines the provisions of the Public Sector Equalities Duty which requires Public Bodies **to have due regard** to the need to:

- eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Equality Act 2010
- advance equality of opportunity between people from different groups
- foster good relations between people from different groups

The broad purpose of this duty is to integrate considerations of equality into day business and keep them under review in decision making, the design of policies and the delivery of services

The report considers the health inequalities on the different topics for example: Many of the issues highlighted in the report affect vulnerable people e.g. children affected by vaccine preventable diseases; prevalence of cardiovascular disease and Tuberculosis is higher in certain BAME groups; Cardiovascular disease risk increases as we age but is affected by the choices we make early in our lives.

5.6 **Consultation and Engagement**

The report will be presented to the Clinical Commissioning Group and to any partnership board or community groups that would like to receive a presentation.

6. **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

6.1 None