



## Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

6<sup>th</sup> July 2022

<b>Title</b>	<b>Public Health Overview</b>
<b>Report of</b>	Joint Director of Public Health and Prevention
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<b>Urgent</b>	No
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### Summary

This report provides the Committee with an overview of Public Health priorities, funding in 2022/23, description of health inequalities and some examples of community engagement for health and wellbeing.

### Officers Recommendations

1. That the Committee notes the report.

#### 1. Why this report is needed

- 1.1 Public Health is focussing on supporting people to stay well, helping to improve the health of the population through the prevention rather than treatment of disease.
- 1.2 Many of the factors which have an impact on a person's health and wellbeing do not relate to accessing health services. Aspects of people's lives, such as housing, education, environment and society can contribute to a person's health and wellbeing, as much, if not more than access to traditional "health" services. This means that effective Public Health strategy and delivery needs to focus on the whole picture, and the whole system, ongoing engagement with residents and how it works to promote healthy behaviours.

- 1.3 Poor health outcomes can have a number of impacts for the individual, the community and the economy. It can impact on the NHS (e.g. strain on hospital care, or medical treatment); social care (e.g. requirement for more intense forms of care); the economy (e.g. though sickness absence); and wider cost to the community (e.g. alcohol related crime and violence).
- 1.4 Public Health strategy and priorities in Barnet is guided by the Joint Health Needs Assessment (JSNA) and the Barnet Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2021 – 2025. Both are statutory partnership documents, and a range of actors are responsible for working together to deliver a range of improvements to population health.
- 1.5 Delivery of Public Health by Barnet Council is via a mix of statutory and non-statutory services. These are listed in the Appendix, along with examples of the work on tackling inequalities with a specific focus on community engagement.
- 1.6 The paper also describes Public Health approaches to community engagement and communications with residents aimed at improving overall health and wellbeing of the borough.

## **2. Reasons for recommendations**

- 2.1 This report provides an overview of current Public Health portfolio as an introductory context for the Committee. Therefore, no recommendations are required.

## **3. Alternative options considered and not recommended**

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## **4. Post decision implementation**

- 4.1 The Joint Health Needs Assessment will be refreshed during Summer 2022, with a focus on sub borough level analysis. This will be reviewed by the Barnet Health and Wellbeing Board at its meeting in September 2022, alongside the priorities and key areas of work for 2022/23.

## **5. Implications of decision**

### **5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance**

Following the May 5th Elections, the council has a new Labour administration. On the 24th May 2022 Annual Council appointed a new Leader of the Council. The Leader and the new administration have set out the priorities including working in partnership with our local communities to help residents to lead healthier lives and tackling these health inequalities highlighted by the Covid-19 pandemic and to review Council strategies to ensure a clear link with public health outcomes.

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

5.2.1.1 The council's Public Health delivery is funded predominantly by the ringfenced Public Health Grant, supplemented by some externally funded project funds. An outline of where the Public Health Grant is spent in Barnet is outlined in the Appendix.

### **5.3 Legal and Constitutional References**

The Terms of Reference of the HOSC as per the Barnet Constitution are:

(1) 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 and NHS bodies located within the London Borough of Barnet and in other areas.

(2) To make reports and recommendations to Council, Health and Well Being Board, the Secretary of State for Health and/or other relevant authorities on health issues which affect or may affect the borough and its residents.

(3) To recommend to Council entering into or appointing to joint overview and scrutiny committees that include the London Borough of Barnet and other boroughs for the purpose of responding to consultations by NHS bodies on proposals for substantial variation or development in the provision of health services as required by The Local Authority (Public Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013.

### **5.4 Insight**

Public Health priorities have been driven by the data analysis in the JSNA, and also project or priority specific analysis.

### **5.5 Social Value**

This is not applicable in this report.

### **5.6 Risk Management**

Risks around the delivery of Public Health priorities continue to be reported using the Council's Risk Management Framework and system.

### **5.7 Equalities and Diversity**

5.7.1 Public Health focusses on a whole systems approach to prevention and health and care integration focuses on health disparities which persist amongst groups with protected characteristics. It is expected that a whole systems approach to prevention will prevent unintended harms against marginalised groups and promote health equity.

5.7.2 On the Health and Wellbeing Strategy, as well as more detailed consultation on individual pieces of work, the Council consults and engages with appropriate communities and stakeholders to ensure that programmes are targeted appropriately, and address the needs of different communities.

### **5.8 Corporate Parenting**

5.8.1 Public Health works with Family Services and others to provide opportunities to support

the council's role as corporate parent through the health and wellbeing improvement interventions for children and young people residing in the borough, including children in care.

## 5.9 Consultation and Engagement

5.9.1 Public Health delivery is driven by the priorities in the Health and Wellbeing Strategy, which was developed using a wide ranging consultation and engagement process with residents and partners.

## 5.10 Environmental Impact

There are no direct environmental implications from noting the recommendations.

## 6. Background papers

6.1 Barnet Joint Strategic Needs Assessment - [Joint Strategic Needs Assessment – Barnet Open Data](#)

6.2 Barnet Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2021 – 2025 - [Barnet Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2021 to 2025 - full document.pdf](#)

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