

CHESHIRE EAST HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD
Reports Cover Sheet

Title of Report:	Public Health Annual Report
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Executive Summary

Is this report for:	Information <input type="checkbox"/>	Discussion <input type="checkbox"/>	Decision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Why is the report being brought to the board?	The purpose of this paper is to ask for approval this year's Public Health Annual report for publication. The report focuses on climate change.		
Please detail which, if any, of the Health & Wellbeing Strategy priorities this report relates to?	Creating a place that supports health and wellbeing for everyone living in Cheshire East <input type="checkbox"/> Improving the mental health and wellbeing of people living and working in Cheshire East <input type="checkbox"/> Enable more people to live well for longer <input type="checkbox"/> All of the above <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Please detail which, if any, of the Health & Wellbeing Principles this report relates to?	Equality and Fairness <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accessibility <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Integration <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quality <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sustainability <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Safeguarding <input type="checkbox"/> All of the above <input type="checkbox"/>		
Key Actions for the Health & Wellbeing Board to address. Please state recommendations for action.	The Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) is asked to approve the Public Health Annual Report for publication.		
Has the report been considered at any other committee meeting of the Council/meeting of the CCG board/stakeholders?	The report has been considered by the Cheshire East Council Adults, Health and Integration Directorate Management Team, and the Cheshire East Council Corporate Leadership Team.		

<p>Has public, service user, patient feedback/consultation informed the recommendations of this report?</p>	<p>No.</p>
<p>If recommendations are adopted, how will residents benefit? Detail benefits and reasons why they will benefit.</p>	<p>This document highlights the need for a sustained and coordinated response to climate change across Cheshire East and is a call to action. Addressing climate change has the potential to: improve health and wellbeing and address inequalities; to improve quality of places and green infrastructure; and increase economic productivity and growth.</p>

1 Report Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to explain the content of the Public Health Annual Report (Appendix A).

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) is asked to approve the Public Health Annual Report (Appendix A) and the Executive Summary (Appendix B) for publication.

3 Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 Cheshire East Council declared an environment and climate emergency in May 2019. The Council is committed to becoming carbon neutral as a council by 2025.
- 3.2 There is clear evidence that climate change has major impacts on health and wellbeing and exacerbates inequalities.
- 3.3 A coordinated response is essential to address climate change, across all organisations, including organisations that also manage and respond to the impacts of climate change.
- 3.4 The benefits to address climate change include:
- Health improvements – Investing in measures such as active travel, promoting green spaces and healthy eating will impact positively on carbon emissions as well as on health, particularly through reduced air pollution and increase physical activity.
 - Quality of Place – Less traffic congestion, job creation in the low-carbon sector, operational cost savings via increased energy efficiency and waste reduction
 - Green Infrastructure - investments in natural solutions to climate change (tree planting, peatland management) can have a wide range of additional benefits including:
 - Biodiversity – natural spaces in urban and rural settings create refuges for wildlife.

- Water management – regulation of water availability & quality and flooding.
- Heat regulation – vegetation provides cooling in the summer and warming in the winter
- Economic benefits – increased productivity through greater wellbeing; new revenue streams.
- Health & wellbeing – increased recreation; reduced stress; greater connection to nature.
- Economic Growth - reduced NHS costs, growth in the low-carbon jobs market and a reduction in poverty
- Reduction in health inequalities.

3.5 The report outlines the steps already being taken locally and recommends that:

- We continue to make progress to meet our pledge to make Cheshire East a carbon neutral borough by 2045 through:
 - Public sector leading by example
 - Working in partnership with NHS, businesses , voluntary sector to ensure that climate change and sustainability is a priority for all
 - Developing multi-agency integrated sustainable policies across different sectors and departments
 - Ensuring that policies address both climate change and health inequalities
 - Engaging all stakeholders and public through information campaign and consultation exercises
 - Monitoring and evaluating the implementation of policies and strategies
 - In response to the recovery from the pandemic it is important to build on some of the positive changes seen during our response to the pandemic, such as the choice to work from home, enhancing the local opportunities for active travel and the reduction in traffic and air pollution

4 Impact on Health and Wellbeing Strategy Priorities

4.1 The production of the Public Health Annual Report supports the outcomes of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2018-21 and Place Plan 2019-2024:

- Create a place that supports health and wellbeing for everyone living in Cheshire East.
- Improving the mental health and wellbeing of people living and working in Cheshire East.
- Enable more people to live well for longer.
- Ensure that children and young people are happy and experience good physical and mental health and wellbeing

5 Background and Options

- 5.1 The Director of Public Health (DPH) has a duty to write an annual report, and the local authority has a duty to publish it (under section 73B(5) & (6) of the 2006 Act, inserted by section 31 of the 2012 Act). The content and structure of the report may be decided locally¹.
- 5.2 The core purpose of the DPH is as independent advocate for the health of the population and system leadership for its improvement and protection. This independence is expressed through the DPH Annual Report – an important vehicle for providing advice and recommendations on population health to both professionals and public – providing added value over and above intelligence and information routinely available (for example health profiles and the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment JSNA). The annual report is an important vehicle by which DsPH can highlight key issues. It is also a key resource to inform stakeholders of priorities and recommend actions to improve and protect the health of the communities they serve². The continued complexity of and transition in arrangements across the local health and care system has increased the importance of the population overview that the DPH should have.

6 Access to Information

- 6.1 The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer: Appendix A- Cheshire East Public Health Annual Report; Appendix B- Public Health Annual Report Executive Summary

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¹ Department of Health and Social Care & Public Health England (2020) Directors of Public Health in Local Government Roles, Responsibilities and Context. Available from: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/860515/directors-of-public-health-in-local-government-roles-responsibilities-and-context.pdf (Accessed 14 February 2023).

² Faculty of Public Health (2016) Guidance on DPH Annual Reports 2016. Available from: <http://www.adph.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/DPH-Annual-Report-guidelines.pdf> (Accessed 14 February 2023).