



## READING HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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REPORT TITLE:	Director of Public Health Annual Report		
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### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 To share the DPH Annual Report (Appendix 1) with the Health and Wellbeing Board. The focus of the 2022 report is Food sustainability. *'Helping tackle climate change - one meal at a time'*

### 2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 2.1 For the Board to note the content of the report, and to share with networks.

### 3. POLICY CONTEXT

- 3.1 The Director of Public Health Annual Report is a statutory document and forms an aspect of the strategic planning process for protecting and improving the health and wellbeing outcomes in a given population, with a focus on working across social, economic and environmental factors to reduce health inequalities.

Since 1988 the Director of Public health (DPH) have been required to publish an annual report on the health of their population, this can be an overview assessment or based on a specific theme.

The annual report serves as a vehicle by which the DPH can highlight issues and areas of focus for universal or targeted attention to help protect or improve the health of their population.

The annual report remains a key method by which the DPH is accountable to the population they serve.

- 3.2 The Faculty of Public Health guidelines on DPH Annual Reports list the report aims as the following.
- 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.
- 3.3 The PHAR is the Director of Public Health's independent, expert assessment

of the health of the local population. Whilst the views and contributions of local partners have been taken into account, the assessment and recommendations made in the report are those held by the DPH and do not necessarily reflect the position of the employing and partner organisations.

Each year a theme is chosen for the PHAR. Therefore, it does not encompass every issue of relevance but rather focuses on a particular issue or set of linked issues. These may cover one of the three work streams of public health practice (health improvement, health protection or healthcare public health), an overarching theme, such as health inequalities, or a particular topic such as mental health or cancer.

- 3.4 The Director of Public Health Report for 2021/2022 has been developed jointly across Berkshire and is therefore the shared report of the Directors of Public Health for Berkshire West and Berkshire East. The focus of this year's report is Climate Change in relation to food sustainability.

This report, in line with our climate change focus, will not be printed, this is an online report that is presented through written content and supported by a range of case studies in the form of video's, highlighting some local food sustainability projects. This can be accessed here: [Berkshire Public Health Annual Report 2021/22 - Public Health Annual Report 2021/22](#)

A PDF version is available and can be found in Appendix 1

#### **4. THE PROPOSAL**

- 4.1 For the Board to note and accept this years Director of Public Health Annual Report.

#### **5. CONTRIBUTION TO READING'S HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGIC AIMS**

- 5.1 The Director of Public Health Annual Report, considers climate change and food sustainability, health inequalities are a key consideration and works to support all of the aims of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

1. Reduce the differences in health between different groups of people
2. Support individuals at high risk of bad health outcomes to live healthy lives
3. Help children and families in early years
4. Promote good mental health and wellbeing for all children and young people
5. Promote good mental health and wellbeing for all adults

#### **6. ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 The Council declared a Climate Emergency at its meeting on 26 February 2019 (Minute 48 refers).

- 6.2 It is hoped that the content of the DPH Annual Report will assist the focus on sustainability in providing information to tackle a key contributor to climate change.

#### **7. COMMUNITY & STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT**

- 7.1 Community and stakeholder engagement is not a requirement of the DPH annual report although we look to engage where possible. There has been community and stakeholder involvement in the production of this report.

#### **8. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

8.1 Not applicable

**9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 Not applicable

**10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 Not applicable

**11. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

11.1 None