

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT OF: Executive Director, Public Health and Communities

TITLE: 2022 Director of Public Health Annual Report
Tackling the cost-of-living crisis

REPORT TO:	CABINET
Date of Meeting	5 April 2023
Cabinet Member Portfolio	Public Health and Communities
Key Decision	Yes
Public or Private	Public

Purpose of report

To provide Cabinet members with information about the Director of Public Health 2022 Annual Report.

Council Plan priority

Healthy Barnsley

Recommendations

That Cabinet:-

1. Note the contents of the 2022 Director of Public Health Annual Report.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 National context

The Director of Public Health (DPH) is as independent advocate for the health of the population and system leadership for its improvement and protection. The independence is expressed through the DPH Annual Report. It is an important vehicle for providing advice and recommendations on population health to both professionals and public and for providing added value over and above intelligence and information routinely available.

1.2 Local context

News and information about the cost-of-living crisis are inescapable, it's been the main topic of many news channels for some time now. Tackling poverty and addressing the related inequalities is not new for us as a council, and it's at the heart of our public health practice. However, the scale of the current crisis is extraordinary, so it is timely that we have chosen to set out focus on it in our 2022 Director of Public Health Annual Report.

2. PROPOSAL

The report will be used to communicate the work of the teams within BMBC and the partner agencies who have been instrumental in responding to the cost-of-living crisis, to the public, BMBC staff and partners. We will continue to deliver a response to the crisis throughout 2023 and develop longer term sustainable services that help alleviate poverty in our communities.

2. IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECISION

3.1 Financial and Risk

Consultation on the financial implications of this report have taken place with colleagues within Financial Services, on behalf of the Service Director and Section 151 Officer. There are no direct financial implications emanating from this report.

The costs for the design of the illustrative version of the report is estimated at £350 and provision for these costs have been included within Public Health budget for 22/23.

3.2 Legal

The Director of Public Health is required under section 73B of the National Health Service Act 2006 to produce an annual report on the health of the public of Barnsley and the Council must publish that report

3.3 Equality

Equality Impact Assessment not applicable. The report and subsequent actions will ensure that commissioned services and programmes of work continue to tackle health inequalities.

3.4 Sustainability

Decision-making wheel not completed. The report is for noting and does not require a decision.

3.5 Employee

There are no employee implications.

3.6 Communications

The 2022 Director of Public Health Annual Report will be launched at the recognition of our response to the cost-of-living crisis workshop on 23 March 2023. The report will also be made available on the Barnsley Council website.

4. CONSULTATION

The report has been written in partnership with several business units to ensure we capture the wider response to the cost-of-living crisis. It also includes information from audit visits and feedback from customers in receipt of support.

5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 The report is designed to be understandable for members of the public and those professionals who are not public health specialists. The report will take a Digital First approach and will be web-based.

6. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

6.1 For Cabinet to be aware of the findings of the 2022 DPH Annual Report.

7. GLOSSARY

7.1 DPH – Director of Public Health

8. LIST OF APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Director of Public Health Annual Report 2022 – Tacking the cost-of-living crisis.

Appendix 2: Director of Public Health Annual report 2022 – Tacking the cost-of-living crisis – illustrative version

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

If you would like to inspect background papers for this report, please email governance@barnsley.gov.uk so that appropriate arrangements can be made

10. REPORT SIGN OFF

Financial consultation & sign off	Senior Financial Services officer consulted and date Vanessa Hunter 06/02/2023
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Legal consultation & sign off	Legal Services officer consulted and date <i>Kate Gothard</i> <i>06/02/2023</i>
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