

BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT OF: Director of Public Health

TITLE: 2021 Director of Public Health Annual Report – *What Matters to Me Now: the voices of children and young people who live and learn in Barnsley*

REPORT TO:	CABINET
Date of Meeting	1 June 2022
Cabinet Member Portfolio	Deputy Leader
Key Decision	No
Public or Private	Public

Purpose of report

To provide Cabinet members with information about the Director of Public Health 2021 Annual Report.

Council Plan priority

Healthy Barnsley

Recommendation

That Cabinet:

1. Note the contents of the 2021 Director of Public Health Annual Report.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 National context

The Director of Public Health (DPH) is an 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 – 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.

1.2 Local context

Improving the health and wellbeing of children and young people in Barnsley is crucial for improving the public health of all Barnsley residents. It is why we decided to focus on children and young people for our 2019 DPH Annual Report. As well as providing an important way of identifying needs, flagging up key issues and reporting progress, the DPH Annual Report provides a valuable process for reflection and prioritisation as well as external engagement and awareness raising. This report presented a key opportunity for the Public Health team to hear from children and young people across the borough about matters that affect their lives, to ultimately help shape their future Healthy Barnsley.

2. PROPOSAL

2.1 The report will be used to communicate the work of the public health team within BMBC to the public, BMBC staff and partners. The public health team will work with partners, both internal and external, to coordinate delivery of the recommendations throughout 2022 which will be reported in the next DPH Annual Report.

3. 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, print and exhibition of the report is estimated at £1,500 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 2021 Director of Public Health Annual Report will be publicly launched at the opening of the What Matters to Me Now exhibition on 23rd May 2022 at the Library @ the Lightbox. The exhibition will be available until Sunday 29th May.

4. CONSULTATION

4.1 Extensive public engagement took place to develop this year's annual report and it was promoted through many routes to ensure a diverse response. The following groups and services who work with children and young people across Barnsley, ranging from 0 to 18 years or 25 years for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) provision, were engaged with:

- Barnsley Youth Council
- Barnsley Care4Us Council
- Barnsley Family Centres
- Healthwatch and Barnardo's Barnsley Young Carers Council
- Barnsley SEND Youth Forum
- Barnsley Vision Support Service
- Barnsley Targeted Youth Support Service
- YMCA Barnsley ACE Club (Horizon Community College)
- YMCA Barnsley Juniors Youth Club
- YMCA Barnsley TYI Friday Project (SEND provision)
- Barnsley Young People's Substance Misuse Service
- Barnsley Youth Justice Service
- Greenacre School (SEND provision)
- The EXODUS Project

We also distributed 1500 blank postcards asking individuals to draw or write about what mattered to them. The postcards were completed through the following settings:

- Barnsley Museums
- Barnsley Libraries
- Barnsley FUSION – Cultural and Education Partnership
- Barnsley Schools
- Barnsley Family Centres and childcare providers
- Barnsley Children in Care and Care Leavers' Celebration Event

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. A small number of hard copies will be made available to community groups.

6. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

6.1 For Cabinet to be aware of the findings and recommendations of the 2021 DPH Annual Report.

7. GLOSSARY

7.1 DPH – Director of Public Health

8. LIST OF APPENDICES

Appendix 1: *What Matters to Me Now: The voices of children and young people who live and learn in Barnsley*

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 David Graham – Finance Manager 06.05.22
Legal consultation & sign off	Legal Services officer consulted and date <i>Jason Field 06/05/22</i>

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