

## SLOUGH HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

<b>DATE OF MEETING:</b>	20 July 2022	<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>	Berkshire Public Health Annual Report
<b>REPORT TITLE:</b>	Directors of Public Health Annual Report 2021/22		
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### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 To share the 2021/22 DPH Annual Report with the Health and Wellbeing Board. The focus of the 2021/2022 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 ['DPHAR'] 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, Directors 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 DPHs are accountable to the population they serve.

- 3.2 The Faculty of Public Health guidelines on DPH Annual Reports list the aims of the annual report 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 DPHAR 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 DPHAR. 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 DPHAR for 2021/2022 has been developed jointly across Berkshire and is therefore the shared report of the Directors of Public Health for Berkshire East and Berkshire West. 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 as this is an online report that is presented through written content and supported by a range of visuals, graphs and case studies in the form of videos, highlighting lots of 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 but please note, as this is a digital DPHAR, the pdf may need to be maximised for readability.

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

- 4.1 For the Board to note and accept this year's Directors of Public Health Annual Report 2021/22.

#### **5. CONTRIBUTION TO THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGIC AIMS OF SLOUGH COUNCIL**

- 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 In July 2019 Slough Borough Council declared a political motion on climate change. The motion declared the council would develop a Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan to address the causes and consequences of climate change in Slough. Since the declaration, the council has set a target of borough-wide carbon neutrality by 2040, with an ambitious stretch target of 2030. This was outlined in Slough's Climate Change strategy vision in June 2021 and the council has published its [Climate Change strategy and action plan](#) which was adopted officially on 20 December 2021.
- 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*

*If not relevant, put "Not applicable"*

**9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 *Not applicable*

**10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 *Not applicable*

**11. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

11.1 *None*