

	Agenda Item: 9
Report to:	Birmingham Health & Wellbeing Board
Date:	28 th March 2024
TITLE:	Director of Public Health Annual Report 2023-24
Organisation	Birmingham City Council
Presenting Officer	Dr Justin Varney

Report Type:	Information / Discussion
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1. Purpose:

1.1. To present the Director of Public Health Annual Report for 2023-24 to Health and Wellbeing Board members for endorsement.

2. Implications (tick all that		
Creating a Bolder, Healthier, City (2022-2030) – Strategic Priorities	Closing the Gap (Inequalities)	X
	Theme 1: Healthy and Affordable Food	
	Theme 2: Mental Wellness and Balance	
	Theme 3: Active at Every Age and Ability	
	Theme 4: Contributing to a Green and Sustainable Future	
	Theme 5: Protect and Detect	
	Getting the Best Start in Life	Х
	Living, Working and Learning Well	Х
	Ageing and Dying Well	X
Joint Strategic Needs Assessment		X

3. Recommendation

- 3.1. To note the findings of the Director of Public Health Annual Report 2023-24.
- 3.2. To endorse the Director of Public Health Annual Report 2023-24 for wider dissemination.



4. Report Body

- 4.1. The Director of Public Health (DPH) has a statutory duty to write an independent, evidence-based annual report detailing the health and wellbeing of our local population. The DPH report is an opportunity to provide advice and recommendations on population health to both professionals and the public. The report includes a selected, specific issue that the DPH wishes to discuss within the report.
- 4.2. The content and structure of the report are decided locally based on current evidence-based health priorities. Previous year's reports in Birmingham have focused on various topics, including the impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic (2020-21), the built environment's relationship with health (2021-22), and the role that digital technology can play in improving health and wellbeing (2022-23)
- 4.3. This year's Annual Report (2023-24) has been focused around demographic change and how it can affect the health and wellbeing needs of Birmingham's population. This focus has been explored through six topics that encapsulate where have been the greatest changes since the last census:
 - Age
 - Ethnicity
 - Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity
 - International Immigration
 - Housing
 - Employment
- 4.4. For each chapter, there is an exploration of the census data through visualisations and analysis. These highlight where there have been the greatest demographic changes since the last census and some of the wider trends impacting Birmingham's population.
- 4.5. There is also a discussion on the health and wellbeing implications of these changes. Finally, there is a consideration of what these changes and trends might mean for the future of the population.
- 4.6. To supplement our analysis, we have also included case studies from a qualitative research exercise into the perspectives of Birmingham's residents around these changes. One case study has been included per chapter and a summary of all the case studies can be found in the appendices.
- 4.7. Each chapter also has a set of system reflections from key senior leaders across the city. These reflections provide their response to the census data as well as insight towards how organisations in the city might respond.



5. Compliance Issues

5.1. HWBB Forum Responsibility and Board Update

N/a

5.2. Management Responsibility

Rebecca Howell-Jones, Assistant Director (Knowledge, Evidence and Governance)

Alex Quarrie-Jones, Senior Programme Officer (Governance)

5.3. Finance Implications

N/a

5.4. Legal Implications

N/a

5.5. Equalities Implications (Public Sector Equality Duty)

N/a

6. Risk Analysis				
Identified Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Actions to Manage Risk	
Partners do not endorse the report and do not disseminate widely.	Low	Low	Partners will be asked at Health and Wellbeing Board to endorse the report and, if possible, share it more widely through their networks so it can be used to generate discussion on the demographic changes in Birmingham.	

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Director of Public Health Annual Report 2023-24 (*From numbers to narratives*: An exploration of population trends, health, and wellbeing using the 2021 Census)

Appendix 2 - Case Study Summary Report

Appendix 3 – Population Projection Methodology



Appendix 4 – Additional visualisations for Director of Public Health Annual Report 2023-24

Background Papers	
N/a	

The following people have been involved in the preparation of this board paper:

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