

	<u>Agenda Item:</u>
Report to:	Birmingham Health & Wellbeing Board
Date:	17th May 2022
TITLE:	Director of Public Health Annual Report 2021-22: Creating a built environment that makes Birmingham a healthier place to live
Organisation	Birmingham City Council
Presenting Officer	Dr Mary Orhewere

Report Type:	Information/Approval
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1. Purpose:
1.1 To present the Director of Public Health Annual Report 2021-22 and seek approval for publication.

2. Implications:		
BHWB Strategy Priorities	Childhood Obesity	Y
	Health Inequalities	Y
Joint Strategic Needs Assessment		Y
Creating a Healthy Food City		Y
Creating a Mentally Healthy City		Y
Creating an Active City		Y
Creating a City without Inequality		Y
Health Protection		Y

3. Recommendation
3.1 To note the findings from the Director of Public Health Annual Report 2021/22: Creating a built environment that makes Birmingham a healthier place to live.
3.2 To agree to support the identified recommendations of the report.

4. Report Body

3.3 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.

3.4 Birmingham City Council has to publish the DPH Annual Report (under sections 73B (5) & (6) of the NHS 2006 Act, inserted by section 31 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012).

3.5 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 adults with multiple complex needs (2019/20) and the impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic (2020/21).

3.6 The Director of Public Health Annual Report 2021/22 is focused on the built environment and its role in making Birmingham a healthier place to live.

3.7 The importance of the built environment in shaping health outcomes is widely acknowledged. The built environment can encourage and support healthy behaviours, such as active travel (walking or cycling) as part of people's daily routine. Settings that provide access to parks and public spaces have been shown to reduce obesity and non-communicable diseases (e.g. diabetes).

3.8 This report examines four key built environment factors as contributors to health and wellbeing:

- Housing
- Neighbourhood and Community Spaces
- Local Economy
- Movement and Access

3.9 The report draws on perceptions of commuting patterns, the quality of neighbourhood spaces, homemaking in Birmingham, local policies and measures, and future actions.

3.10 A digital ethnography was commissioned to expand the knowledge presented in this report and depict daily life and travel for residents. Forty Birmingham residents participated, and case studies were presented, observing their journeys and daily routines moving through the built environment.

3.11 The recommendations from this report will be used alongside the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and local intelligence to inform local policymaking that will influence the wider determinants of health.

5. Compliance Issues

5.1 HWBB Forum Responsibility and Board Update

N/A

5.2 Management Responsibility

Dr Mary Orhewere, Assistant Director, Environmental Public Health, Health Protection & Place
Dr Shiraz Sheriff, Service Lead (Governance)

6. Risk Analysis

Identified Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Actions to Manage Risk
The system does not support the report's recommendations.	Medium	Medium	The recommendations will be formalised into an action plan. This will be used to ensure partners can support the opportunities for action. This report will be presented to Cabinet.

Appendices

Appendix 1 Director of Public Health Annual Report 2021-22: Creating a built environment that makes Birmingham a healthier place to live

The following people have been involved in the preparation of this board paper:
Built Environment Team, Public Health
Governance Team, Public Health