	Agenda Item: 10
Report to:	**Birmingham Health and Wellbeing Board**
Date:	**22nd May 2025**
TITLE:	**Director of Public Health Annual Report 2024-25: HWB Engagement**
Organisation	**Birmingham City Council**
Presenting Officer	**Aidan Hall (Governance Team Service Lead)**

Report Type:	Discussion

1. Purpose:

1.1. To present the Director of Public Health Annual Report 2024-25 for Health and Wellbeing Board members to engage with and provide comments.

2. Implications (tick all that apply):

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	X
	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	
	Living, Working and Learning Well	
	Ageing and Dying Well	
Joint Strategic Needs Assessment		

3. Commissioner's Review:

This section needs to be completed for all reports. If this report has been submitted by Birmingham City Council this section will be completed by the Commissioners. If this report has been submitted by another organisation, please use the template wording set out at 2.2.

3.1. Commissioners have no observations on the report.

4. Recommendation

4.1. For Health and Wellbeing Board members to review the content of the Annual Report 2024-25 and provide comments and/or insights around the topics discussed within it.

5. Report Body

5.1. 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.

5.2. 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 built environment's relationship with health (2021-22), and the role that digital technology can play in improving health and wellbeing (2022-23), and the implications that demographic change can have on health and wellbeing (2023-24).

5.3. This year's Annual Report is focused on how wellbeing could be measured in Birmingham using a more comprehensive set of indicators that look deeper than our conventional understanding.

5.4. To explore this topic, the report has considered a range of wellbeing frameworks used by different countries, regions and cities. These include the Canadian Index of Wellbeing, the UK National Measures of Wellbeing, the Global Social Progress Index, and What Works Wellbeing's Local Wellbeing Indicators.

5.5. Using these frameworks as a guide, the report looks at how we can better understand wellbeing in Birmingham through five domains, each of which make up a chapter in the report. These domains are:

- Social Wellbeing
- Economic Wellbeing
- Physical & Mental Wellbeing
- Environmental Wellbeing
- Civic Wellbeing

5.6. For each chapter, there is a brief discussion on how the domain has been defined and what specific measures could be used to gauge wellbeing. Each of these measures by themselves may not seem directly linked but an accumulation of them creates a picture of what can drive good or poor wellbeing.

5.7. Where possible, the report also tries to explore how people in Birmingham are doing based on these measures, using contemporary data. As available data is inconsistent or irregularly measured, the report is not trying to design a functioning model for measuring wellbeing. It is instead proposing a framework which is future model could be based off of, or which could contribute to other models.

5.8. The report identifies several opportunities for action related to the measuring of wellbeing in Birmingham. These are based on the findings and discussion within the report and can act as non-binding recommendations for partners.

5.9. Members and partners are asked to review the content of the engagement presentation and provide any comments and/or insight towards the development of the final report. They are also asked to express an interest in providing a reflection for the report on how wellbeing can be understood from their perspective.

6. Compliance Issues
6.1. HWBB Forum Responsibility and Board Update
N/a
6.2. Management Responsibility
Aidan Hall, Service Lead (Governance) Alex Quarrie-Jones, Senior Programme Officer (Governance)
6.3. Finance Implications
There are no financial implications related to engagement around the Director of Public Health Annual Report 2024-25. The report itself is developed and published as part of the statutory responsibilities of the Director of Public Health. All officer-time that contributes to the report is covered through the Governance team budget, as part of the Public Health Ring-Fenced Grant.
6.4. Legal Implications
There are no legal implications for engagement around the Director of Public Health Annual Report 2024-25.
6.5. Equalities Implications (Public Sector Equality Duty)
There are no equalities implications for engagement around the Director of Public Health Annual Report 2024-25.

7. Risk Analysis			
Identified Risk	**Likelihood**	**Impact**	**Actions to Manage Risk**
Partners and members do not engage with the report.	Low	Low	Partners and members will be given the opportunity to discuss the approach and contents of the report as well as ask clarifying questions. We will also ensure that specific insights or reflections from members are included within any revisions to the report.

Appendices
Appendix 1 – Engagement Presentation for Director of Public Health Annual Report 2024-25.

Background Papers
None

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

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