

Item No. 12	Classification: Open	Date: 20 July 2023	Meeting Name: Health and Wellbeing Board
Report title:		Annual Public Health Report	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All Southwark wards and population groups	
From:		Sangeeta Leahy - Director of Public Health Southwark Council	

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. The board note the findings of the Annual Public Health Report (APHR), and support the recommendations.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. Each year, Directors of Public Health in local authorities across England fulfil a statutory requirement to write an annual report on the health of their population. The APHR is used to inform partners and residents about the health of Southwark's communities, as well as provide evidence on key health and wellbeing needs.
3. The APHR is shared with partners across the council and external partners, including the voluntary and community sector and residents. This report was published on the council website and signposted on social media and in Southwark Life.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

4. The Director of Public Health chose air quality as the theme of this year's report. This includes indoor and outdoor air quality.
5. The APHR begins with an introduction from Councillor Akoto, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing. Councillor Akoto highlights the significance of air quality, notes the progress we have made, and highlights that there is more we can do as individuals, businesses, organisations, and stakeholders working on air quality.
6. The report is split into the following sections:
 - a) Sources and trends: an overview of sources of indoor and outdoor pollutants, as well as a summary of changes in pollutant levels over time, predictions for future levels, and geographical patterns.

- b) Air quality and health: a summary of the health effects of poor air quality and associated health inequalities. This section also introduces the relationship between air quality and climate change, and highlights community views on air quality.
- c) Action to improve air quality: an overview of the council's work on air quality to date, covering monitoring air quality; developments and buildings; cleaner transport; schools, health services, and communities; awareness raising; inspiring and influencing; and indoor air pollution.
- d) Recommendations: a series of ten top tips for individuals, organisations, businesses, and stakeholders working on air quality to contribute to cleaner air in Southwark.

Community, equalities (including socio-economic) and health impacts

Community impact statement

- 7. The APHR emphasises community views on air quality and associated measures. It includes case studies focusing on specific communities as well as quotes from members of the community. The report outlines the air quality situation in specific communities, including schools, and those that are ethnicity-based and geography-based. It concludes with recommendations on collective action, using your voice, involving communities in decision-making, and ensuring action is equitable.

Equalities (including socio-economic) impact statement

- 8. The APHR provides a summary of air quality-related health inequalities in Southwark. It identifies population groups who are most at risk from the health effects of poor air quality, and recommends that interventions take this into account when prioritising and targeting measures.

Health impact statement

- 9. The APHR outlines the health effects of poor air quality in Southwark, notes the range of teams with influence over air quality, and highlights opportunities for action going forward.

Climate change implications

- 10. The report notes the close relationship between air quality and climate change. It recognises the opportunities provided by this, including to accelerate progress by tapping into momentum on climate action. The report also draws attention to the rare occasions where action on climate has a neutral or negative impact on air quality and careful consideration is important.

Resource implications

11. There are no direct resource implications of the APHR.

Legal implications

12. There are no legal implications.

Financial implications

13. There are no financial implications.

Consultation

14. The APHR was developed through conversations with internal and external partners to understand how Southwark is taking action on air quality, and to inform the recommendations section. There was no formal consultation.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
None		

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Southwark's Annual Public Health Report 2023 - Cleaner Air, Healthier Lives

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Sangeeta Leahy - Director of Public Health		
Report Author	Kate Smith		
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CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET MEMBER			
Officer Title		Comments Sought	Comments Included
Assistant Chief Executive - Governance and Assurance		No	No
Strategic Director of Finance		No	No
List other officers here			

Cabinet Member	Yes	Yes
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