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Title of meeting: Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB)
Subject: Public Health Annual Report 2023
Date of meeting: 27th September 2023
Report by: Director of Public Health
Wards affected: All

1. Requested by Director of Public Health

2. Purpose

2.1 To note that the Director of Public Health is publishing her statutory Annual Report for 2023. The topic of this year's report is poverty and the cost of living crisis in Portsmouth. The Public Health Annual Report 2023 provides an updated evidence base to support the city's tackling poverty work and its response to the cost of living challenges facing many residents.

2.2 The full report at Appendix A examines in more detail why poverty is a problem, how it has been made worse by the cost of living crisis which has put many more households in a position of financial stress or vulnerability, and what that means for communities in Portsmouth. It explores how the city council and its partners have responded and what has been tried in other areas, and makes recommendations for how people across the system can work best to maintain a focus on the underlying causes of poverty whilst addressing the immediate issues arising from the current cost of living crisis.

2.3 An accessible summary of the report will be published and made available to members of the HWB. Details of the format this will take are still to be confirmed.

2.4 Poverty is one of the priorities in the Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2022-30. The PHAR will inform the work to address this priority, led by the Tackling Poverty Steering Group. Progress on this priority is due to be reported at the November HWB meeting.

3. Information Requested

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Signed by (Director)



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Appendices:

Public Health Annual Report 2023 (content-only version, accessible summary to follow)

Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location