

**Meeting date:** 5 April 2022

**Report to:** Full Council

**Subject/report title:** Director of Public Health Annual Report 2021: Counting the cost of COVID

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**Wards affected:**

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**1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 Directors of Public Health in England have a statutory duty to write an Annual Public Health Report to demonstrate the state of health within their communities. This year the topic of the report is the impact of and response to Covid-19 in Solihull.

**2. Decision(s) recommended**

- 2.1 To approve this report and agree the next steps that have been set out as part of recovering from and living with Covid-19.

**3. Matters for Consideration**

- 3.1 The impacts of the pandemic on the population; the multi-varied responses from across all sectors of society and next steps.

**4. What options have been considered and what is the evidence telling us about them?**

- 4.1 N/A

## 5. Reasons for recommending preferred option

5.1 N/A

## 6. Implications and Considerations

6.1 State how the proposals in this report contribute to the priorities in the [Council Plan](#):

Priority:	Contribution:
<p>Economy:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Revitalising our towns and local centres.</li> <li>2. Deliver UK Central (UKC) and maximise the opportunities of HS2.</li> <li>3. Increase the supply, quality and energy efficiency of housing, especially affordable and social housing.</li> </ol>	<p>The report considers next steps in terms of recovering from the pandemic, including aspects of economic recovery.</p>
<p>Environment:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Enhance Solihull's natural and physical environment.</li> <li>5. Improve Solihull's air quality.</li> <li>6. Reduce Solihull's net carbon emissions.</li> </ol>	<p>Enter text.</p>
<p>People and Communities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. Take action to improve life chances and health outcomes in our most disadvantaged communities.</li> <li>8. Enable communities to thrive.</li> <li>9. Sustainable, quality care and support for adults &amp; children with complex needs.</li> </ol>	<p>The report sets out next steps in terms of how 'system' partners need to come together to support the health, economic and social recovery from the pandemic.</p>
<p>10. Promote employee wellbeing</p>	<p>Enter text.</p>

6.2 Consultation and Scrutiny:

6.2.1 Draft versions of this report have been considered at Cabinet and at Health and Well-being Board. Feedback from those discussions have been incorporated into this final version. As a result, there are additional case studies and more contributions from the voluntary and community sector. There are also introductory words from the Leader and Deputy Leader and a strengthened 'next steps' section.

6.2.2 Solihull's Health and Well-being Strategy, which is overseen by the Health and Well-being Board, was updated last year to include a priority on managing the longer-term impacts of COVID. This gives an opportunity for the wider impacts to be further considered over time with partners, as they become clearer and better understood.

6.3 Financial implications:

6.3.1 None

6.4 Legal implications:

6.4.1 Under the Health and Social Care Act 2012, the Director of Public Health has a duty to write a report on the health of the local population.

6.5 Risk implications:

6.5.1 None

6.6 Equality implications:

6.6.1 The report identifies that groups in the population have been impacted differently by the pandemic, in terms of social and economic impacts as well as illness and death. These findings have informed the development of the draft health inequalities strategy.

6.7 Linkages to our work with the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA), the Local Enterprise Partnership or the Birmingham & Solihull Integrated Care System (ICS):

6.7.1 The report identifies that there is much to be done, at 'system' level, with partners, to support with the social and economic recovery from the pandemic.

## **7. List of appendices referred to**

7.1 Director of Public Health Annual Report

## **8. Background papers used to compile this report**

8.1 None

## **9. List of other relevant documents**

9.1 None