

REPORT TO: Health and Wellbeing Board

DATE: 6 July 2022

REPORTING OFFICER: Director of Public Health

PORTFOLIO: Health and Wellbeing

SUBJECT: Marmot Report: All Together Fairer

WARDS: Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To inform the health and wellbeing board of the launch of the report by Professor Sir Michael Marmot on health inequalities. The report – All Together Fairer – has been written by Sir Michael and his team of researchers in partnership with Cheshire and Merseyside’s local authorities, and sets out measurable actions for each area, as well as the sub region as a whole, to create a fairer, equitable society.

2.0 RECOMMENDED: That

- 1) the content of the reports is noted; and**
- 2) the board discuss how the reports recommendation can be progressed and monitored.**

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

BACKGROUND

- 3.1 All Together Fairer was presented at an event by Sir Michael on 26th May 2022. He delivered a keynote address to partners made up of local authorities, the NHS, private and third sector organisations, and interested members of the public.
- 3.2 All Together Fairer was a collaborative piece of work advised by workshops held across the sub region and informed by data and intelligence contributed by leads across local authorities. The full report itself, available via this link <https://www.champspublichealth.com/all-together-fairer/> was written by Sir Michael and his team of researchers in partnership with Cheshire and Merseyside’s local authorities. The executive summary is attached for ease of reference due to the size of the full report.
- 3.3 The Institute of Health Equity was established in 2011 and is led by Professor Sir Michael Marmot at University College London. The aim is

to develop and support approaches to health equity and build on work that has assessed, measured and implemented approaches to tackle inequalities in health. At the request of the British Government, he conducted the Strategic Review of Health Inequalities in England post 2010, which published its report 'Fair Society, Healthy Lives' in February 2010. (The Marmot Review). The first review identified the causes of inequality in particular social policy and set out 6 policy recommendations to government. This was followed by the Health Equity in England: the Marmot Review Ten Years On which set out how little progress had taken place over the intervening years.

- 3.4 A set of local Marmot Beacon indicators, developed in partnership with local stakeholders, will monitor actions on the social determinants of health in Cheshire and Merseyside. This is likely to be reported at Local Authority level. The report proposes 22 indicators, aligned with the 8 Marmot themes. The indicator set will be monitored by the Combined Intelligence for Population Health Action (CIPHA) programme.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Health is largely shaped by the social, economic and environmental conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work and age known as the social determinants of health.
- 4.2 The social determinants of health are the focus of the eight recommendations of the report or what are termed the Marmot 8 principles, which are also the basis for the analysis in the report:
1. Give every child the best start in life.
 2. Enable all children, young people and adults to maximise their capabilities and have control over their lives.
 3. Create fair employment and good work for all.
 4. Ensure a healthy standard of living for all.
 5. Create and develop healthy and sustainable places and communities.
 6. Strengthen the role and impact of ill-health prevention.
 7. Tackle racism, discrimination and their outcomes.
 8. Pursue environmental sustainability and health equity together

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There is no additional funding available to support this area of work, it would be expected that the principles themselves are incorporated into practice to enable effective and value for money service provision.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 Children and Young People in Halton

Experiences during the early years and in education are particularly important for immediate and longer-term health and outcomes. Improving health and reducing health inequalities are the very first Marmot goals. Improving outcomes in the early years and in schools requires collaborations between early years providers, schools, employers and youth services working together with communities and families.

6.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton

Businesses can have both positive and negative impacts on health through employment practices; through goods, services and investments; and through their impacts on communities and the environment. Reducing the harmful impact of business and enhancing the positive contribution is vital for health and wellbeing and reducing inequalities.

There is great potential for businesses to improve the health of their employees and communities more broadly

6.3 A Healthy Halton

Shifting to a social determinants of health approach means taking action in the drivers of ill health as well as treating ill health when it is presented in healthcare settings: the prevention agenda must focus on improving living and working conditions, and reducing poverty – as well on healthy behaviours.

6.4 A Safer Halton

As above

6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

One of the most significant ways that healthy and sustainable places and communities can be forged is through good quality housing and safe environments with good access to services, shops, community facilities, leisure and entertainment and good quality natural environments

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

There are no major risks associated with the report.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

- 8.1 Halton Borough Council led on a Marmot workshop in late 2021 and has continued to contribute to the agenda setting and report that acknowledges the direct impact of racism on health.

9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

None under the meaning of the Act.