

Argyll and Bute Council

Agenda item :

Date of Meeting: 25th April 2024

Title of Report: NHS Highland Director of Public Health Annual Report 2023

Presented by: Dr Tim Allison, Director of Public Health & Policy

Argyll and Bute Council is asked to:

- **Note the Director of Public Health Annual Report**
- **Support the recommendations laid out in the report**

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Directors of Public Health are required to produce an annual report concerning the state of health of their local population. There is no set format for the report and in recent years the reports have tended to focus on individual themes rather than acting as a repository for population health intelligence.

The report for 2023 is presented to the Argyll and Bute Council. The theme for the report is medication and public health; the key discussion point is about doing the right thing. Public Health challenges cannot be solved simply by prescribing medication. There are areas of public health where medication plays a huge role in improving health but conversely it is important to be aware and to act where medication causes harm such as impacts on the environment.

2. INTRODUCTION

The Annual Report of the Director of Public Health for 2023 is presented.

3. DETAIL OF REPORT

