

Health and Wellbeing Board



Date of meeting:	15 January 2026
Title of Report:	Public Health Intelligence; IMD2025
Lead Member:	Councillor Mary Aspinall (Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care)
Lead Strategic Director:	Professor Steve Maddern (Director of Public Health)
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Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

Purpose of Report

To update the HWBB members on Public Health Intelligence reports recently published, especially the new Index of Multiple Deprivation 2026.

Recommendations and Reasons

- I. To note the new IMD2025, in particular, that the change in deprivation is reflective of a change in methodology, rather than a real change in poverty in Plymouth.

Reason: There is a risk that focus might be reduced on tackling poor health and reasons that lead to poor health if this result is misinterpreted.

Alternative options considered and rejected

- I. N/A

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

Deprivation is a key driver of poor health and inequality in health outcomes. Therefore the tracking of deprivation and other relevant markers is key to evaluating need and impact.

Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

None

Financial Risks

None

Legal Implications

(Provided by Insert Name / Initials)

None

Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

N/A

Other Implications: e.g. Health and Safety, Risk Management, Child Poverty:

* When considering these proposals members have a responsibility to ensure they give due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act and those who do not.

N/A

Appendices

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Sign off:

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Ruth Harrell											
Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes											
Date agreed: 23/12/2025											
Cabinet Member approval: Cllr Mary Aspinall											
Date approved: 23/12/2025											