SCS 2008-21 Consultation – Phase 2 Summary of findings for the 'Healthier Communities & Adults' theme

What you said

Key messages are as follows:

- Needs to be have more mention of mental health issues for Older and Young people. Needs to be a stronger reference to mental health throughout the strategy.
- There needs to be more mention and more emphasis based on carers, especially at the time that the Carers Strategy Document is being reviewed. Vitally important to include Carers (young and old) in the document
- Need to also focus on alcohol related issues as well as smoking
- Need better, accessible open public spaces to help improve our health and well being
- Improved access to health services, which links to transport

Other points include:

- Page 35 "We have improved the numbers of drug users entering treatment for 3 years running", needs to be reworded as the terminology could also have a negative impression
- Fire Service also contribute to health, for example smoking is one of the major fire starters in the home and they promote healthy eating to prevent chip pan fires
- Under the Health Section the ambition around 'Improved Access to Services' the contribution the Fire Service makes to this should be outlined

What we did:

- References to both mental health and carers have been strengthened
- Alcohol is already included in the strategy
- The benefits of access to open spaces and healthcare are covered in this section as well as Economic Regeneration and Transport and Environment
- The reference to drugs misusers in treatment has been strengthened