

## CABINET ITEM COVERING SHEET PROFORMA

**AGENDA ITEM**

**REPORT TO CABINET**

**27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2008**

**REPORT OF CORPORATE  
MANAGEMENT TEAM**

### **CABINET DECISION**

**Adult Services & Health – Lead Cabinet Member – Councillor Mrs McCoy**

#### **JOINT STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

1. Summary

Attached is the concise summary of the first Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) completed in line with the requirements of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act (2007) which placed a duty on Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) and Local Authorities to work together to describe the health, wellbeing and care needs of the populations they serve. The JSNA comprises also a detailed technical document which sets out the range of statistical data and other information that has been collated and analysed to inform the key needs and priorities referred to in the concise summary document.

2. Recommendation

Cabinet are recommended to receive the JSNA summary and note its linkage to the key strategies and plans that support delivery of the Sustainable Community Strategy.

3. Reasons for the Recommendations/Decision(s)

Cabinet needs to be aware of the JSNA since it will be subject to regular review to support the annual cycle of service planning and development within the Council and across all partners of Stockton Renaissance.

4. Members' Interests

Members (including co-opted Members with voting rights) should consider whether they have a personal interest in the item as defined in the Council's code of conduct (**paragraph 8**) and, if so, declare the existence and nature of that interest in accordance with paragraph 9 of the code.

Where a Member regards him/herself as having a personal interest in the item, he/she must then consider whether that interest is one which a member of the public, with knowledge of the relevant facts, would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the Member's judgement of the public interest (**paragraphs 10 and 11 of the code of conduct**).

A Member with a prejudicial interest in any matter must withdraw from the room where the meeting considering the business is being held -

- in a case where the Member is attending a meeting (including a meeting of a select committee) but only for the purpose of making representations, answering questions or giving evidence, provided the public are also allowed to attend the meeting for the same purpose whether under statutory right or otherwise, immediately after making representations, answering questions or giving evidence as the case may be;
- in any other case, whenever it becomes apparent that the business is being considered at the meeting;

and must not exercise executive functions in relation to the matter and not seek improperly to influence the decision about the matter (**paragraph 12 of the Code**).

**Further to the above, it should be noted that any Member attending a meeting of Cabinet, Select Committee etc; whether or not they are a Member of the Cabinet or Select Committee concerned, must declare any personal interest which they have in the business being considered at the meeting (unless the interest arises solely from the Member's membership of, or position of control or management on any other body to which the Member was appointed or nominated by the Council, or on any other body exercising functions of a public nature, when the interest only needs to be declared if and when the Member speaks on the matter), and if their interest is prejudicial, they must also leave the meeting room, subject to and in accordance with the provisions referred to above.**

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**DETAIL**

1. Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) is a process that Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) and Local Authorities have a duty to work on together to describe the health, wellbeing and care needs of the populations they serve. It should be used to develop the right services in the right way to meet those needs. This process is part of a new 'duty to cooperate' that the government set out in the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act (2007).
2. Undertaking needs assessments has long been integral to the strategic planning and commissioning of services in the Council, the PCT, and other partners we work with. Analysis of many sources of information underpins the whole range of plans and strategies that inform the work of the Local Strategic Partnership. What makes JSNA different is that:
  - a) it is a new statutory requirement.
  - b) it must be done jointly between the local authority and PCT.
  - c) it takes a long-term strategic-level view, looking up to 10 years ahead.
  - d) it brings together, for the first time in one source, the range of information across partners that informs the health and wellbeing needs of our communities.
3. The purpose of this Joint Strategic Needs Assessment is to highlight the main health and wellbeing priorities for Stockton-on-Tees, taking account of data and information on inequalities within and between communities. It has been prepared by the Health & Wellbeing Management Team on behalf of the Health & Wellbeing Partnership, the thematic group of the Local Strategic Partnership with representation from a wide range of local partners, which will have a key role in ensuring that the JSNA is used effectively to support the delivery of a health and wellbeing strategy for the Stockton-on-Tees area.

4. This first Joint Strategic Needs Assessment has drawn on the wealth of existing work that has already taken place, to ensure that it links to the range of plans, strategies, and policies that have been developed to help us work effectively in partnership to make a difference to the lives of residents. These include the Sustainable Community Strategy, the Adults Vision, the Children and Young People's Plan, the regional health and wellbeing strategy 'Better Health Fairer Health' and many others. As a new process, all organisations involved are learning from the JSNA process and will be able to further develop the depth and quality of analysis as the first document is reviewed and updated in the future.
5. The community has had the chance to consider and comment on the JSNA as it has developed (see section 5 below). The published JSNA will be widely available so that those using it can provide comments and feedback, to help ensure future revisions and updates can more closely reflect the needs of local people.
6. An important benefit of the JSNA is that it provides an opportunity to look ahead over the long-term – at least three to five years, and longer still – so that:
  - a) services are shaped by involvement of local people and communities.
  - b) inequalities in health are reduced.
  - c) health care is provided in proportion to need (to reduce inequity).
  - d) social inclusion is increased.
  - e) these outcomes are achieved cost-effectively.
7. The JSNA will be an integral part of the planning cycle for all involved so that it continues to inform key strategic priorities for the health and wellbeing of our area, and supports delivery of the Local Area Agreement, the PCT's Vital Signs agreement, and partners' business planning processes.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

8. There are no financial implications arising directly from this report. The priorities arising from the JSNA will contribute to future service planning, prioritisation, and budget decisions of the Council, PCT and partners, so that financial resources can be targeted most effectively at needs.

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

9. The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment is part of the new 'duty to cooperate' as set out in the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007. The production and approval of this document meets the requirements of the Act.

## **RISK ASSESSMENT**

10. It is essential that the JSNA is linked effectively into the Sustainable Community Strategy performance management framework, to avoid the risk that health and wellbeing priorities are not linked and co-ordinated across all relevant agencies and partnerships. Failure to maintain a current and effective JSNA presents a risk to meeting the new statutory duty to co-operate (see para 1 above) and a risk of adverse judgements of the Council and partners through the CAA process.

## **COMMUNITY STRATEGY IMPLICATIONS**

11. The JSNA impacts across all the themes of the Sustainable Community Strategy, as shown in the attached summary document. In particular it will inform the development of a Health and Wellbeing strategy to provide the framework for ensuring that delivery of the vision for better health and wellbeing is monitored and reviewed through the service planning and performance

management processes of Stockton-on-Tees Teaching Primary Care Trust, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council and our partners.

## **EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

12. This report has been subject to an Equality Impact Assessment and has been judged to have a positive impact. No remedial actions are required.

## **CORPORATE PARENTING**

13. A core purpose of the JSNA is to support the reduction of health inequalities, including those that may be experienced by more vulnerable groups within our community. As such, it will be important that the JSNA takes account of the health and wellbeing needs of looked after children and young people.

## **CONSULTATION INCLUDING WARD/COUNCILLORS**

14. Elements within the JSNA have been consulted on as part of their original development. The JSNA itself is a compilation of those elements and as such as been taken to key events for engagement with key stakeholders, namely the Community Empowerment Network meeting on 8 September, a Teeswide event lead by Tees Public Health on 19 September to which councillors were invited, and the Area Partnerships Priority Setting event on 29 September.

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### Background Papers

- Department of Health Guidance on Joint Strategic Needs Assessment  
[http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH\\_081097](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_081097)
- Creating Strong, Safe and Prosperous Communities: Statutory Guidance  
<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/localgovernment/strongsafeprosperous>
- Joint Strategic Needs Assessment technical document  
<http://www.teespublichealth.nhs.uk/page.aspx?id=2025&siteID=1012>

### Ward(s) and Ward Councillors:

The JSNA documents are in the public domain and available to all Councillors for information.

### Property

The report does not have implications in relation to the Council's property.