

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting26th November 2009

1. Title of Item/Report

Joint Strategic Needs Assessment

2. Record of the Decision

Cabinet was advised that the second refreshed Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) had now been completed for 2009 and consideration was given to the Summary document which provided an overview of the health, care and wellbeing needs of Stockton.

The Assessment (JSNA) was a process that Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) and Local Authorities had 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 was part of a 'duty to cooperate' that the government set out in the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act (2007). It took a long-term strategic-level view, looking up to 10 years ahead, and brought together, for the first time in one source, the range of information across partners that informs the health and wellbeing needs of our communities.

The purpose of this Joint Strategic Needs Assessment was 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 had 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 would 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.

The JSNA provided an opportunity to look ahead over the long-term – at least three to five years, and longer still, so that:

- a) services were shaped by involvement of local people and communities.
- b) inequalities in health were reduced.
- c) health care was provided in proportion to need (to reduce inequity).

- d) social inclusion was increased.
- e) these outcomes were achieved cost-effectively.

The JSNA would be an integral part of the planning cycle for all involved so that it continued to inform key strategic priorities for the health and wellbeing of our area, and supported delivery of the Local Area Agreement, the PCT's Vital Signs agreement, and partners' business planning processes.

RESOLVED that the JSNA summary and its linkage to the key strategies and plans that support delivery of the Sustainable Community Strategy be noted.

3. Reasons for the Decision

To note the role of the JSNA in providing an assessment of the future planning needs for health, care and well being and the impact this has on the way Stockton develops over time.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None

6. Details of any Dispensations

Not applicable

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

Not later than Midnight on Friday 4 December 2009

Proper Officer
30 November 2009