

**STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROFORMA**

Cabinet Meeting .....25th November 2010

1. Title of Item/Report

Joint Strategic Needs Assessment

2. Record of the Decision

Cabinet considered a report that presented Cabinet with a summary of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) for 2010.

It was explained that the Joint Strategic Needs 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 served. It would be used to develop the right services in the right way to meet those needs. The process was part of a 'duty to cooperate' that the government set out in the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act (2007).

Undertaking needs assessments had 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. Cabinet noted what made JSNA different from other plans:

- a) it was a 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 in one source, the range of information across partners that informs the health and wellbeing needs of our communities.

The purpose of the JSNA 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 was used effectively to support the delivery of a health and wellbeing strategy for

the Stockton-on-Tees area.

This was the third JSNA, which had built on the process undertaken last year. There had been further analysis undertaken including additional benchmarking, more recent data updates and ward based analysis. There had been additional sections included in the reference document during 2010 to address Poverty and Health and Vulnerable Groups.

The JSNA had involved a range of stakeholders who had had an opportunity to comment and contribute to the document development; however, much of the document was a synthesis of priorities and issues, which had been identified via specific consultation routes.

An important benefit of the JSNA was that it 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) those 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 our business planning processes. Within the White Paper for Health Delivering Equity and Excellence, the role of the JSNA continued to be an integral part of planning processes but the responsibility would transfer to the Local Authority.

RESOLVED that the JSNA summary be received 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

by no later than midnight on Friday 3 December 2010.

Proper Officer  
29 November 2010