

**STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROFORMA**

Cabinet Meeting .....8th March 2012

1. Title of Item/Report

Regional Scrutiny Review of the Health Needs of the Ex-Service Community

2. Record of the Decision

Members considered a report that presented progress on the implementation of actions applicable to Stockton Council, following the regional review of the health needs of the ex-service community.

Overall the actions sought to utilise existing generic support where possible, whilst recognising that, through better identification of clients within services, existing services would be better able to meet their needs, and potentially refer clients to other services if appropriate. The Council's Policy Officers' Group had been tasked with co-ordinating the implementation of the local action plan.

A report, summarising progress to date, was provided to members. It was noted that progress had been made in relation to the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, a number of service areas were improving their data collection, it had been agreed, with Catalyst, to use the Service Navigator to provide additional assistance to those who needed extra help gaining support, and Member Champions had been appointed (now including the Cabinet Member for Access and Communities).

The Regional Health Scrutiny Committee had previously agreed to formally monitor progress against its recommendations on a six-monthly basis and would next meet to do this on 16 April. The information provided in this report would be considered by the Regional Committee at that time.

Subsequent to the completion of the regional review, the Government has promoted the Armed Forces Community Covenant scheme. Community Covenants aim to encourage targeted support for the local Service and veteran community at the same time as being a two way agreement with local Service personnel being encouraged to support the community.

At the meeting of 1 December, Council committed to adopting a

Community Covenant with local partners and representatives of the Armed Forces, and this had taken place on 7 March 2012. Many of the actions in the draft version of the Covenant were based on the implementation of the actions emanating from the scrutiny review.

RESOLVED that the progress report be noted and ongoing work to implement the actions supported

3. Reasons for the Decision

The final report on the regional scrutiny review on the health needs of ex-service personnel was considered by Cabinet in February 2011.

It was agreed to implement those actions applicable to Stockton Council and this report summarised progress to date.

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

Midnight on Friday 16 March 2012

Proper Officer  
12 March 2012