

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting17th May 2012

1. Title of Item/Report

JOINT STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND CHILDREN'S TRUST BOARD CHANGES

2. Record of the Decision

Cabinet considered a report relating to the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) 2012 and the Children's Trust Board.

It was explained that the fourth Joint Strategic Needs Assessment had been completed for 2012. Building on the work that had been undertaken previously and best practice, a revised web based format for the JSNA had been developed. The format had 37 topic sections which outlined the health, care and wellbeing needs of Stockton covering People, Vulnerable Groups, Wider Determinants, Behaviour and Lifestyle, and Illness and Death. The JSNA would inform the key needs and priorities for the developing Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

Cabinet was informed that the overview of the emerging themes and related issues had been considered by the Health and Wellbeing Board and Partnership in their joint meeting. They endorsed the JSNA process to date and agreed that the emerging themes needed to be considered as part of the future strategy development.

There would be further work in the refinement of the detail of the JSNA which would be available via the website – www.teesjsna.org.uk from May 2012. The nature of a web based approach would enable various updates to be incorporated into the topics as new data or intelligence was received. It was anticipated that enabling access to a range of organisations, communities and individuals would help improve the detail and help refine the document.

Further promotion of the value of the JSNA and connection to the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy would be developed as part of the Council's communications and engagement plans. It was intended that a draft Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS) would be developed by Summer 2012 to enable wider consultation with stakeholders. This process would enable feedback to those who had contributed to the

JSNA and to continue the refinement of both documents. The final strategy would be considered by the Health and Wellbeing arrangements and Cabinet in Autumn 2012 so as to help inform the planning and commissioning processes for the following year.

As part of the public health reforms and the development of the Health and Wellbeing Board it had become clear that there needed to be further modifications to Stockton's local structures. The Children's Trust Board had met and considered the future linkages with the health and wellbeing arrangements. As part of this assessment it was noted that there was an opportunity to reshape the current organisational arrangements to avoid duplication but ensure alignment of strategies and plans.

The Children's Trust Board met in March 2012 and agreed that there needed to be a number of changes to the Health and Wellbeing arrangements, if Children's Trust Board was no longer to meet. They agreed to a number of changes to the Partnership structures, including:

- Additional membership to ensure a children and young people focus to the Health and Wellbeing Partnership– e.g. additional place to be offered to the community and voluntary sector via the Children and Young People Consortium.
- Better engagement and consideration of how children and young people's issues were represented and involved via the Health and Wellbeing arrangements. This issue would be put to new Youth MP/Shadow Youth Trust Board. The issue would also be considered via the work which was being undertaken via democratic services and youth services.
- Enhancement of existing structures/ arrangements – for example the refinement of the Children's Trust Management Team to inform the work plan.
- Development of specific Task and Finish groups or children and young people focused sub structures e.g. Complex Needs Partnership – to ensure that where there are specific children's issues they were considered and addressed across the range of organisations that supported children and young people issues.

It was agreed that the role of Safeguarding across children and adults would continue to be a high priority and as a minimum the Health and Wellbeing Board would receive the annual reports. The Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB) would continue to focus on child protection and the early intervention elements would be considered via the new structures for Health and Wellbeing.

The Health and Wellbeing Board and Children's Trust Board had both discussed the potential transitional arrangements and reiterated that there needed to be a clear mechanism to focus on children and young

people issues. In order to facilitate this transition it was proposed that the new model be put in place by Autumn 2012. This would match the timescales around the review of the Health and Wellbeing arrangements and would ensure that the new structures reflected any proposals that emerged from this review. The discontinuation of the Children's Trust Board was planned from August 2012.

RESOLVED that:-

1. the process of engagement and consultation as part of the JSNA development be noted.
2. the emerging themes that would be part of the future development of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy be noted.
3. the work that had been undertaken around the Health and Wellbeing arrangements which would enable this function to effectively lead the joined-up approach to the planning and delivery of services for children and young people, leading to the discontinuation of the Children's Trust Board from July 2012 be agreed.
4. the revised arrangements to involve children and young people as part of the proposed changes 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 had on the way Stockton developed over time.

To ensure that Health and Wellbeing structures were fit for the future requirements across life stages.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

Councillors Beall, McCoy and Harrington declared a personal, non prejudicial interests in the item entitled Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Children's Trust Board Changes as they served on the Children's Trust Board.

6. Details of any Dispensations

None

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

By no later than midnight on Friday 25 May 2012

Proper Officer
21 May 2012