

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting19th May 2016

1. Title of Item/Report

Scrutiny Review of Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report that detailed the findings of the Review of Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.

Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) was a term given for a range of permanent disabilities that could be caused when a developing baby in the womb was exposed to alcohol; this could include physical disabilities, learning difficulties and behavioural problems. FASD was caused solely by drinking alcohol during pregnancy and was therefore completely preventable.

The report summarised the outcomes of a review that had focussed on what preventative measures had been taken and what more could be done. The review was undertaken by People Select Committee.

RESOLVED that:-

1. Stockton Council should welcome and support the new UK Chief Medical Officers' guidelines on drinking on pregnancy;

2. The Council should build on previous work and undertake to raise awareness of FASD in Stockton utilising all relevant methods, including:

a) a dedicated public information campaign, using all effective media including Stockton News;

b) further engagement with licensed premises;

c) continuing to offer multi-agency training (including promotion to schools)

d) promoting and monitoring use of the FASD Animation;

3. Promotional material should be reviewed to ensure the most effective and appropriate key messages are used;

4. The Council should circulate the Committee's report to local MPs, Department of Health, and the regional Public Health Network, to

increase national and regional awareness of FASD and promote the use of public information campaigns;

5. Committee supports participation in the Regional FASD Research Project, and Public Health should consider the results in due course;

6. Ensure FASD is reflected in the development of the revised Alcohol Strategy for Stockton-on-Tees;

7. The work of FASD Network UK be commended.

3. Reasons for the Decision

The report presents the findings of the scrutiny review that took place as part of the agreed work programme for 2015-16.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

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

Midnight, 27th May 2016

Proper Officer
23 May 2016