

AGENDA ITEM

REPORT TO HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

26 JUNE 2019

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF ADULTS AND HEALTH

Reducing Alcohol-related harm in Stockton-on-Tees

SUMMARY

In June 2018, the Health & Wellbeing Board agreed that a strategic approach to reducing alcohol-related harm be developed. Since then, representatives from Stockton Borough Council's Public Health Team; Hartlepool and Stockton Clinical Commissioning Group; North Tees Hospital Foundation Trust and the Police Crime Commissioner Office have worked together to develop and propose a shared approach to addressing the challenges of alcohol.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to endorse the:

1. Strategic direction set out in the attached strategic framework
2. Development of an Alcohol Steering Group
3. Director of Public Health providing senior leadership as Chair for the Alcohol Steering Group
4. Proposed Terms of Reference for the group

DETAIL

1. Alcohol is embedded in our culture and our day to day lives. Alcohol is associated with socialising, relaxing, celebrating and commiserating. Different drinks for different occasions, situations, weather, age groups, social groups, activities and status. Alcohol is acceptable, affordable and readily available.
2. The majority of adults in Stockton-on-Tees drink alcohol, few abstain. Some 38% of Stockton-on-Tees residents drinks at levels of increased risk of harm to their health (Balance, 2015). Alcohol-related harm is not only felt by individuals, it impacts on families, our communities, our services and our workforces as well as the wider economy. These impacts are illustrated within the strategic summary attached.
3. The strategic framework sets out a shared vision and shared strategic priorities. This provides a strong basis for the development of an action plan with clear targets and performance indicators

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The strategy will be delivered within existing resources

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

None noted

RISK ASSESSMENT

Risk-related policies will be implemented as necessary in the development of operational objectives

COUNCIL PLAN IMPLICATIONS

Reducing alcohol-related harm would impact positively across the council's directorates (e.g. Health & Wellbeing, Children's Services, Adult Social Care, Stronger Communities etc.).

CONSULTATION

Stakeholders from across the system have been consulted in the development of the strategic summary

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