
Executive

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Report of the Associate Director of Public Health,
Director, Learning, Culture and Children's Services
Director of Housing and Adult Social Services

JOINT STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR YORK

Summary

1. This paper introduces the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) for York and asks members to accept the report, make recommendations for future inclusion and agree how those recommendations which relate to City of York Council should be take forward.

Background

2. Joint Strategic Needs Assessment is a process that identifies current and future health and wellbeing needs of a local population, informing the priorities and targets set by Local Area Agreements and leading to shared commissioning priorities that will improve outcomes and reduce health inequalities.
3. The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act (2007) places a duty on upper tier authorities and PCTs to undertake Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA). Specifically the expectation is that the Directors of Adult Services, Children's Services and Public Health should jointly lead the process, in collaboration with Directors of Commissioning and should be responsible for presenting the findings and recommendations.
4. In York this work has been led by the Associate Director of Public Health as a joint appointment between North Yorkshire & York PCT and City of York Council. It has been supported by the CYC Directors and teams in Housing and Adult Social Services and Learning, Culture and Children's Services, as well as the PCT commissioning team.

Consultation

5. The JSNA has been developed with key City of York Council staff and partners including North Yorkshire & York PCT, York Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, York Health Group (Practice Based Commissioning Group), York Council for Voluntary Services, local patient and voluntary sector representatives and York

St John University. It is hoped that it will form the basis of future consultation through the developing work of the Local Involvement Network (LINK).

Options

6. The Executive is asked to accept the findings of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and make recommendations for inclusion in future versions. For future implementation of the report recommendations the options for the Executive to consider are:

Option 1: Support the inclusion of those recommendations that relate to the work of City of York Council in future Corporate Strategy and Directorate Plans.

Option 2: Ask the Healthy City Board, as a sub-board of the Without Walls Local Strategic Partnership to ensure that the recommendations are implemented.

Analysis

7. Option 1 has the advantage of ensuring that healthy community priorities for the Council are embedded within corporate and directorate business, with a clear audit trail for inspection if required. Due the high level of engagement in the JSNA process a large number of recommendations are already highlighted within directorate plans.

Option 2 would make use of the partnership structure but would still require a specific response from each partner agency, including the Council. The JSNA has been used to inform the Sustainable Community Strategy and the Local Area Agreement through the Healthy City Board, embedding priorities at a strategic level.

Corporate Priorities

8. This supports the City of York Council priority to 'improve the health and lifestyles of people who live in York, in particular among groups whose levels of health are the poorest'.

Implications

- **Financial** *There are no direct financial implications. Implementation of the recommendations would be considered within the usual service planning and budget process.*
- **Human Resources (HR)** – *There are no HR implications*
- **Equalities** *The report considers equalities from a health perspective*

- **Legal** – *There are no legal implications*
- **Crime and Disorder** – *The report covers alcohol misuse which can have an impact on crime and disorder. The Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy has already been approved by the Safer York Partnership.*
- **Information Technology (IT)** – *There are no IT implications*
- **Property** – *There are no property implications*
- **Other** – *All other implications have been included within the report.*

Risk Management

9. The risk level of this report is low.

Recommendations

10. Members are asked to consider:

Option 1 is recommended to ensure priorities are embedded within the Council business.

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Specialist Implications Officer(s) n/a

Wards Affected: *List wards or tick box to indicate all*

All **Yes**

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Background Papers: References are listed on page 33 of Annex 1
 Annexes: Annex 1 – Joint Strategic Needs Assessment