

AGENDA ITEM:

HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

29 MAY 2008

JOINT STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENTS – A BRIEFING

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To introduce representation from Middlesbrough's Director of Public Health, in attendance at today's meeting to provide the Panel with a briefing on the emerging concept of Joint Strategic Needs Assessments.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. That the Panel notes the content of the briefing delivered at today's meeting in relation to introduction of Joint Strategic Needs Assessments.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

3. The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act (2007), places a duty on (upper tier) local authorities and PCTs to undertake Joint Strategic Needs Assessments (JSNAs). JSNAs are a process that will identify the current and future health and wellbeing needs of a local population, informing the priorities and targets set by Local Area Agreements and leading to agreed commissioning priorities that will improve outcomes and reduce health inequalities¹.
4. It is understood that the local authority and Middlesbrough PCT are currently undertaking a quantity of work to deliver a draft JSNA, which is scheduled to be consulted upon during the summer and into early autumn. It is anticipated that Health Scrutiny will be a active contributor to that consultation. Nonetheless, it was felt that a briefing for the Health Scrutiny Panel on JSNAs would be beneficial in advance of the statutory consultation period, to ensure that the consultation could be approached in an informed manner.

¹ Please see Guidance on Joint Strategic Needs Assessments, which can be found on www.dh.gov.uk

5. It is to this end that the Middlesbrough Locality of the Director of Public Health, will be in attendance at today's meeting. A briefing paper has been produced by the Director of Public Health, which is attached to this introductory report. It is anticipated that the paper will be spoken to, ahead of a discussion and questions.
6. Members may wish to enquire around the range of evidence sources that will be consulted when preparing the JSNA and who will be consulted regarding the draft JSNA.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

7. Please see a briefing paper attached, prepared by the Director of Public Health in order to brief the Health Scrutiny Panel on Joint Strategic Needs Assessments.

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