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**SUBJECT OF REPORT: JOINT STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT
2011**

Recommendations:

That the North Somerset Partnership endorse and formally sign-off the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) as refreshed in 2011.

Summary of Report:

The report explains the legal requirements, for Councils and PCT's in each area to develop long term plans through the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) to help plan services to meet the needs of the local population. The report includes details of the process adopted jointly by the Council and NHS North Somerset to refresh the JSNA undertaken in 2011. The Executive summary of the refresh is attached as Appendix 1.

Background and Detail:

1. Section 116 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 required Local Authorities and Primary Care Trusts to produce a JSNA to:
 - * identify the current and future health and social care needs of the local population;
 - * help commissioners, including practice based commissioners, to set priorities to improve outcomes and reduce inequalities
 - * help identify short term (3-5 years) and longer term (10 years) priorities.

2. The duty commenced from 1st April 2008. Although initially the focus was on health and social care this expanded to include all the factors impacting on the health and wellbeing of local communities including, education, housing and environmental factors. The JSNA will also be used to inform future commissioning of services.
3. The JSNA will be one of the key documents on which the new Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy will be developed. The requirement to develop this strategy, and to establish a body to carry-out statutory health and wellbeing functions to govern the strategy, are contained within the Health and Social Care bill currently progressing through parliament. The new body the People and Communities Board will be one of the two delivery partnerships of the revised North Somerset Partnership structure. A Steering group chaired jointly by the Director of Public Health and the Director of Adult Social Services meets regularly to oversee the process of developing the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.
4. The first JSNA for North Somerset was developed in 2008. In December 2010 the JSNA Steering Group reviewed the structure of the existing JSNA. A new approach was agreed for the 2011 refresh. The main changes are improved accessibility, with development of a website and information available at different levels of complexity in the JSNA executive summary, topic highlights, and full chapters containing links to further information. A common structure is used to present information on each topic. There is also more emphasis on the wider determinants of health with contributions from environment, employment, housing, education, transport, and community safety.
5. The main findings contained in the JSNA Executive Summary shows that although the health of North Somerset is generally good, the 2011 JSNA has identified some areas where over recent years North Somerset has consistently performed worse than either the national or the South West average. These key health issues are:
 - * Inequalities in health and employability: Particularly poor outcomes in certain areas (especially Weston-super-Mare Central and South wards) and vulnerable groups (including those with a mental illness and on low incomes);

- * Changing population: North Somerset has an older, growing and increasingly diverse population.
 - * Mental health: High levels of hospital admissions for deliberate self harm and historically mental health related incapacity benefit;
 - * Substance misuse: High levels of problematic drug users and alcohol related hospital admissions;
6. In developing this refresh of the JSNA, it was recognised that organising the document under the Delivery Partnerships of the North Somerset Partnership could run the risk of a "silo" approach. To address this, a number of "cross-cutting" themes have been identified. These are:
- * Carbon reduction.
 - * Tackling unemployment and employability
 - * Supporting deprived communities and tackling disadvantage.
 - * Supporting the family.
 - * Planning for a growing population.
 - * Black and other minority ethnic groups.
 - * Volunteering.
7. The JSNA is an on-going process. There will be further reviews of the existing information during 2011. There will also be work on new areas identified as "gaps" in this refresh. The Steering Group has prioritised the issues of the needs of frail older people, disadvantaged children and adults, people with mental health issues and Black and other minority ethnic communities for 2012.

8. The development of the original JSNA in 2008 took account of a wide range of existing service user feedback and consultation. During 2009/2010 the JSNA Steering Group has been expanded to include LIN-KS. The JSNA Steering group has agreed a way forward to promote and publicise the refreshed JSNA with a wide range of stakeholders in the autumn of 2011. There will also be engagement with stakeholders in the development of all new work on the JSNA going forward.
9. The refreshed JSNA was considered and endorsed by the PCT board in July and North Somerset Council's Executive Committee on 13th September.