ITEM NO: 9

DECISION-MAKER:		COUNCIL		
SUBJECT:		ADOPTION OF THE JOINT STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT OF HEALTH AND CARE IN THE CITY		
DATE OF DECISION:		16 TH JULY 2008		
REPORT OF:		Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY	
None	

SUMMARY

Improved health and well-being is vital to the future economic success of the City and its residents. The Council and City's Primary Care Trust are required to publish a 'Joint Strategic Needs Assessment' to inform the future development of health and care services in the City. This report details the extensive consultation and development activity resulting in the assessment document now presented for approval. It is proposed that this assessment now informs the development of a joint strategy to improve health and well-being in the City in the future.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) To adopt the 'Joint Strategic Needs Assessment' for health and care services.
- (ii) To work with the Southampton City Primary Care Trust to develop and implement a new medium term Health and Well-Being Strategy for the City based on this assessment and report to Cabinet in due course.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. The promotion and maintenance of good health and effective care in the City is vital to the future social, economic and environmental well being of the City.
- 2. The Health and Social Well-being Partnership has sponsored the development of this 'Joint Strategic Needs Assessment' (JSNA) as required by the recent Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007. The Partnership now recommends its adoption by the Council as it provides a baseline for the development of new joint strategies for improving health and well-being in the City and should be used to inform the development of all other city wide policies and strategies.

CONSULTATION

3. A comprehensive consultation exercise with a wide range of stakeholders, community organisations and individual service users was undertaken between November 2007 and March 2008.

- 4. The key priorities identified in this assessment are based on both data and information on health status across the city, the range of inequalities between different communities as well as direct comments and feedback received from the stakeholder and community consultation.
- 5. The draft JSNA report follows the publication of the stakeholder consultative document 'Changing Southampton' in November 2007. The key issues from Changing Southampton were also highlighted in a 'Health Matters' magazine, distributed widely across the City to over 14,000 individuals and organisations. This magazine has received positive critical acclaim for its accessibility and use of easily understood language.
- 6. Both the stakeholder consultative document 'Changing Southampton' and Health Matters were available on the Primary Care Trust and City Council websites between November 2007 and March 2008, along with an opportunity for people to feedback electronically or by post or through a range of direct consultation meetings.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

7. The assessment documentation, including a substantial data compendium, available on the PCT website is a distillation of a large quantity of data and information obtained through a wide and comprehensive consultation exercise. During its development a number of alternative priorities were identified and discussed with a senior steering group. The proposals presented here are assessed as being those most relevant to securing improved health and well-being across the City in the future.

DETAIL

- 8. The production of Southampton's Joint Strategic Needs Assessment has been the joint responsibility of the City Council and the Primary Care Trust, reflecting their roles in ensuring good health and economic productivity of the city's citizens.
- 9. The work on developing the JSNA has strengthened joint working between the City Council and the PCT by providing a basis for the future joint commissioning of both adults' and children's services. The extent of the consultation on the JSNA has also reinforced the Council's and the local NHS' patient and public involvement programme and has helped in the development of the Southampton Local Involvement Network.
- 10. Many of the issues identified for the City are shared with other urban areas in the UK. There are some concerns which are identified as being particularly significant for the city including:
 - High levels of smoking, leading to higher levels of respiratory disease and cancer levels.
 - High levels of teenage pregnancy, which are associated with poorer outcomes for many of the children.
 - Tackling obesity through promoting active lifestyles and healthy eating.
 - Misuse of alcohol which, if left unchecked, will contribute to substantial disease burdens in the future – and also contributes to

- rising levels of public and domestic violence.
- Health inequalities across the City relating to virtually all health indicators, which, apart from the impact on the individuals, also holds back future economic development in the City.
- The need to protect and sustain a healthy environment, for example air quality.
- Health, housing and care services need to respond to both growing demands from growing numbers of older people and helping people to live independently as long as possible.
- Carers provide the majority of support for disabled children and adults but they too need support to be able to continue in these roles.
- The JSNA includes the products of the work of the Children and Young People's Partnership identifying the key issues in improving the health of children and young people.
- Health and care needs of people in their later years needs to respect their dignity and choices, and promotion of independence and good quality of life.
- 11. The production of the JSNA has built upon the work of the Health and Wellbeing Partnership in promoting health and well-being in the City. This work was recently reviewed by the Audit Commission and IDeA (the Innovation and Development Agency, part of the Local Government Association). Both reports identified strengths in Southampton's approach to health and well being, which was compared favourably to that of other areas. This work will contribute to improvements identified in those reviews in encouraging a 'cross-cutting' approach from across Council services in the future.
- 12. The assessment has led to the identification of key strategic objectives for future work on health and well-being:
 - Children should have the 'best start in life'
 - Everyone should enjoy opportunities for better health and the benefits of longer lives and
 - Services should support people's choices and preferred lifestyles wherever possible.
- 13. It is therefore now proposed to develop a future Health and Well-being Strategy based on six key programmes:
 - Encouraging healthy lifestyles (including managing obesity, reducing smoking, drug addiction, alcohol harm and improving sexual health)
 - Enabling people to 'take control'
 - Improving the quality of health in later years
 - Improving mental health
 - Ensuring services can meet changing demands and needs

Resisting the impact of infectious diseases

These also reflect the priorities set out for preventive approaches identified in the Government's most recent NHS review carried out by Lord Darzi.

14. It is proposed that this assessment will become the basis of a new Health and Well-being Strategy for the City to be developed through the Health and Social Well-being Partnership over the summer which will inform joint commissioning plans for 2009/10 and beyond.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital

15. No direct implications arising from this report

Revenue

16. It is estimated that City Council and the Primary Care Trust are responsible for an annual spend of over £494m for health and care service provisions in the City. Limiting demands for future health and social care provision will be vital to the future of local economies, and the assessment identifies key trends which if left unchecked will result in higher expenditure by the Council and the NHS in the future.

Property

17. No direct property implications arising from this report.

Other

18. None

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

19. The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 requires the Council to collaborate with the Primary Care Trust to develop and adopt a local 'Joint Strategic Needs Assessment' to inform the future planning and delivery of health and care services. This Assessment will also be considered for adoption by the Southampton Primary Care Trust Board.

Other Legal Implications:

20. The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment informs all future programmes carried out under s.2 of the Local Government Act 2000 in improving economic, social and environmental well being in the City.

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

21. It is intended that the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment should be a key reference in the shaping of all the City's Policy Framework and other strategic plans. Whilst it is not as such a Policy Framework Plan, it will inform the development of all the Council's future key strategies.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices

1.	None			
Documents In Members' Rooms				
1.	Draft Joint Strategic Needs Assessment			
Background Documents				
Title of	Background Paper(s)	Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)		

1.	Changing Southampton	
2.	Health Matters	

Background documents available for inspection at: Executive Director for Communities, Health and Care

office.

FORWARD PLAN No: KEY DECISION? n/a

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED: all	
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