

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Tuesday, 20 December 2022

Decision No: (CAB 22/23 35799)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	Cabinet Member for Health, Adults and Leisure
SUBJECT:	Tobacco, Alcohol and Drugs Strategy 2023-2028
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THE DECISION

That Cabinet approve the new Tobacco, Alcohol and Drugs Strategy for the city as set out in appendix 1 to this report.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Given the significant nature of the strategy, which affects the whole city and all residents, Cabinet approval of the strategy is essential for the strategy to be adopted.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

1. Not having a city-wide strategy to tackle tobacco, alcohol and drugs in Southampton risks the safety and wellbeing of those affected in the city, as well as the wider impacts of these issues on the city and its workers and residents. Not having a strategy would also mean we would not meet our statutory requirement to have strategies in place for both drugs and alcohol or meet our commitment as signatories to the Local Government Declaration on Tobacco Control to have a tobacco control strategy.
2. When considering the timespan for this new combined strategy, given that tobacco, alcohol and drugs are complex challenges, a 5-year strategy has been chosen so that we have time to build on what we are already doing well, carry out further research, establish new ways of working and make a difference. This is longer than the previous drug and alcohol strategies, which were both 3-year strategies, and will bring the strategy refresh frequency in line with those such as the Health & Wellbeing Strategy and the Southampton City Strategy. The new Tobacco, Alcohol & Drug Strategy is therefore a 5-year strategy (2023 – 2028), with outcomes reviewed at least annually.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD

We certify that the decision this document records was made in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 and is a true and accurate record of that decision.

Date: 20 December 2022

Decision Maker:
The Cabinet

Proper Officer:
Judy Cordell

SCRUTINY

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council's Scrutiny "Call-In" provisions.

Call-In Period expires on

Date of Call-in *(if applicable)* *(this suspends implementation)*

Call-in Procedure completed *(if applicable)*

Call-in heard by *(if applicable)*

Results of Call-in *(if applicable)*