

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Department of Health Consultation on Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and Joint Health &amp; Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS)</b>		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>12 September 2012</b>		
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Strategic Director, People</b>		
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<b>Ward(s) affected:</b>	<b>All</b>		

### FOR GENERAL RELEASE

#### 1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 The Department of Health (DH) has recently begun consulting on its plans to issue statutory guidance, in support of the Health & Social Care Act (2012), with specific regard to the Health & Wellbeing Board (HWB) duties to publish a local Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and a local Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS). The draft guidance and consultation questions are included as **Appendix 1** to this report.
- 1.2 DH is soliciting stakeholder responses to its consultation questions, and this represents an opportunity for Shadow Health & Wellbeing Board (SHWB) members to express their views on the statutory guidance relating to these major HWB duties.
- 1.3 The consultation window closes in late September 2012, so any decision to submit a response from the SHWB will realistically have to be made at the 12 September 2012 meeting. In order to make the process of agreeing a submission manageable, officers have drawn up their outline response to the consultation questions plus a brief narrative reaction to the guidance itself (**Appendix 2**). It is recommended that the SHWB uses this response as the basis for its submission, adding, removing or amending elements in accordance with the views of members.

#### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the SHWB agrees to submit a response to the DH consultation on statutory guidance relating to the JSNA and JHWS duties;
- 2.2 That the SHWB uses the officer response to the consultation (**Appendix 2**) as a basis for its submission.

### **3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:**

- 3.1 The Health & Social Care Act (2012) transfers responsibility for the publication of a local JSNA to the HWB. It also establishes a duty for the HWB to publish a local JHWS.
- 3.2 Primary legislation is not very prescriptive in relation to either of these duties; the DH has advised local areas that this is intentional: localities are to be empowered to design locally appropriate systems, within a minimal framework prescribed via statutory guidance.
- 3.3 The DH has recently published a draft of this guidance and is currently consulting with stakeholders. In general, the draft guidance accords with informal advice from the DH over the past few months and is in line with the commitment to localism detailed above.
- 3.4 Officers have therefore welcomed the guidance, although there are some areas where it could be clearer. These are described in more detail in the draft officer response (**Appendix 2**).

### **4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION**

- 4.1 No formal consultation has been undertaken in relation to this report.

### **5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:**

#### Financial Implications:

- 5.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

*Finance Officer Consulted: Anne Silley*

*Date: 17/08/12*

#### Legal Implications:

- 5.2 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

*Lawyer Consulted: Elizabeth Culbert*

*Date: 17/08/12*

#### Equalities Implications:

- 5.3 None directly: there are significant equalities issues to consider in the context of both the JSNA and JHWS, but the draft DH guidance does not focus on these areas.

#### Sustainability Implications:

- 5.4 None directly: both the JSNA and JHWS may have implications for sustainability, but these do not feature in the draft DH guidance.

#### Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.5 None directly: both the JSNA and JHWS may have implications for crime and disorder, but these do not feature in the draft DH guidance.

#### Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

- 5.6 There is a risk management process in place for both the JSNA and JHWS (the latter as part of the risk management of the development of a local HWB). The draft JHWS and JSNA guidance generally accords with our current practice/planning for these areas, and would not increase any identified risk. The suggestions for amending the guidance included in the draft officer response (**Appendix 2**) would, if adopted by the DH, help clarify some issues, further reducing some risks.

#### Public Health Implications:

- 5.7 The latest draft guidance clearly identifies the duties of the key local organisations regarding the preparation of the JSNA and JHWS. The guidance also highlights potential data and information sources, including the identification of community assets which should help to strengthen the JSNA and JHWS.

#### Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 5.8 The JSNA and JHWS are both important tools to be used to meet corporate and citywide commitments to reduce inequalities and improve the health and wellbeing of the local population. The draft DH guidance accords with our current planning for these matters, but could be improved by adopting the suggestions outlined in the draft officer consultation response (**Appendix 2**).

### **6. EVALUATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTION(S):**

- 6.1 The draft officer response to the DH draft guidance (Appendix 2) generally welcomes this iteration of the guidance, which is more concise and less ambiguous than previous versions, and accords with planning in relation to the JSNA and JHWS. Officers agreed on the minor changes they would recommend be made and there was no serious consideration of other options.

### **7. REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 7.1 The recommendations included in the draft officer response to the DH consultation (Appendix 2) seek to clarify some elements of the draft guidance, making it easier to plan the work of the HWB in relation to the JSNA and JHWS. A submission based on these recommendations may therefore help influence the DH to make some positive amendments to its guidance.

## **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

### **Appendices:**

1. Department of Health draft guidance on JSNA and JHWS and consultation questions.

2. Draft officer response to the DH consultation questions/guidance.

### **Documents in Members' Rooms**

None

### **Background Documents**

1. Health & Social Care Act (2012)