

Wiltshire Council

Cabinet

19 March 2013

Subject: Wiltshire's Joint Strategic Assessment 2012/13

Cabinet member: Councillor Keith Humphries – Public Health and Public Protection

Key Decision: No

Executive Summary

To update the Cabinet on the production of Wiltshire's Joint Strategic Assessment and the strategic issues which have been recommended based on evidence and information

Documents included:

- The main report is available to download here <http://www.intelligenetwork.org.uk/joint-strategic-assessment/>
- A hard copy of the report will also be provided with Cabinet papers

Proposal

The Cabinet note the production and publication of the Joint Strategic Assessment 2012-13 report and supporting documents and endorse its use in commissioning and strategy.

Reason for Proposal

The JSA programme is the mechanism of understanding our local population through the assessment of evidence and intelligence.

Our strategies and plans need to be evidenced based, our evidence base is the JSA programme. This JSA provides this evidence base for all thematic partnerships in Wiltshire

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1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this paper is to update the committee on the production of Wiltshire's Joint Strategic Assessment 2012/13. The JSA programme is the mechanism of understanding our local population through the assessment of intelligence and information and is commissioned by the Wiltshire Public Services Board.

2. Background

The first JSA for Wiltshire was published in 2010 and was an innovative programme which gained national recognition. In early 2012, the Public Services Board commissioned a refresh of the 2010 assessment and this was published as the JSA for Wiltshire 2012-13 and is available from the Wiltshire Intelligence Network.

The overall Joint Strategic Assessment for Wiltshire contains a summary of the main issues for Wiltshire across a range of themes. It is a needs assessment of strategic issues and priorities for Wiltshire for the next three years, and represents a 'single version of the truth' for the county. The JSA is a milestone in our journey to establish a full and agreed understanding of the needs of the local population. In addition to the overall JSA individual thematic chapters support the overall document providing detailed analysis of these issues and many more.

3. Introduction

This JSA 2012/13 provides a summary of the current needs of people in Wiltshire. It has been developed with a clear ambition to further improve the scope and quality of our data, centred on transforming data into knowledge and knowledge into wisdom to provide a comprehensive picture of local needs.

This JSA has emerged as the assessment tool on which all commissioning decisions for the county are based. As such, it covers

- Background information about Wiltshire – including population and deprivation
- Health and wellbeing
- Economy

- Children and young people
- Community safety
- Housing
- Transport
- Environment
- Resilient communities
- Leisure
- Culture

The role of this JSA includes providing knowledge about Wiltshire for Wiltshire Council and other partners to enable evidenced based organisational planning, and timely commissioning decisions to build resilient communities for Wiltshire.

This year's work has been made possible through further consolidating and expanding a strong partnership of collaborative working between local partners, including Wiltshire Police and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service.

4. Main Considerations for the Council

Main changes for the 2012/13 report

Since the JSA Wiltshire 2010 the programme has continued to develop. Last year JSAs for each of our twenty community areas were published and presented to community events. Several partnerships have produced detailed assessments which support the overall JSA for Wiltshire, these include JSA for Crime and Policing, and the State of the Environment report. JSAs for the three clinical commissioning groups.

Based on feedback from the first JSA for Wiltshire which was published in 2010, two new chapters have been included which are leisure and culture and includes information on arts, libraries, culture and leisure issues in Wiltshire.

The report also contains a What's Changed section for each relevant chapter, which captures the improvements and actions taken since the first JSA

Qualitative information from local surveys, including the recent What Matters to you survey is also included

Key issues in 2012/13

Each chapter of the JSA Wiltshire has identified up to five issues and the reasons these issues are important. These are summarised in the issues matrix (page 7).

Health and wellbeing	Complex / vulnerable families	Drugs and alcohol	Long term conditions	Mental health	Long term social care / care home placements
Economy	Economic climate affecting business start-up and survival rates	Youth unemployment and percentage of NEET	Infrastructure development	Access to funding	
Children and young people	Prevention and early intervention	Raising aspirations and narrowing the gaps	Promoting healthy lifestyles		
Housing	Delivery of affordable housing	Prevention of homelessness	Rural housing	Making best use of existing stock	Impact of Welfare Reform
Environment	Water	Impact of people on the environment	Climate change adaptation and mitigation	Wildlife	Health and wellbeing
Community safety	Violent crime	Working with partners	High risk people		
Transport	Facilitating economic and development growth	Reducing transport's carbon emissions	Improving road safety	Providing access to essential services	Enhancing people's quality of life
Resilient communities	Developing a strong and vibrant voluntary and community sector	Addressing inequalities and promoting inclusion	Promoting local involvement in decision making		
Leisure	Increasing levels of participation	Volunteering	Improving health of children and young people	Maintaining and improving the range and quality of formal outdoor recreation	Improving health and wellbeing of residents
Culture	Broadening participation in cultural activities	Strengthening and protecting the heritage and cultural asset base	Increasing satisfaction with the cultural offer	Supporting the growth of the creative economy	
Wiltshire Core Strategy	Housing delivery	Economic development	Service provision and transportation	Natural and built environment	Climate change, flooding and resource management

Improving outcomes

This JSA is an example of joint working and using evidence based assessment to develop and commission services for local communities and people.

Since the publication of the first JSA for Wiltshire, there have been improvements in a range of issues and outcomes highlighted within previous assessments, these are summarised in the What's Changed section of each chapter. An example taken from each chapter is shown below:-

- ✓ Premature mortality from cardiovascular disease has halved in the past decade to around 290 deaths a year in Wiltshire.
- ✓ In 2011-12 the Wiltshire Investment Service supported 768 businesses, resulting in the creation of 766 jobs and safeguarding an additional existing 2,813 jobs
- ✓ Key stage 2 results for primary school children have improved
- ✓ Between 2010 and 2011 there has been a 22% reduction in violent crime which means that Wiltshire ranks 9th best out of the 39 Police force areas for violent crime
- ✓ Wiltshire continues to deliver a high number of affordable houses, including 31 new council homes in Salisbury and Trowbridge
- ✓ A total of 71 walking schemes and 12 cycling schemes were implemented by Wiltshire Council during the two year period from April 2010 to March 2012
- ✓ In 2011-12 the roll out of waste service changes began which will reduce residue waste sent to landfill and increase recycling rates.
- ✓ The launch of the Armed Forces Community Covenant in 2011 with the aim of encouraging local communities to support the Service community in their area

5. Environmental and climate change considerations

As the JSA for Wiltshire covers all thematic partnerships including environment there are clear linkages with existing environmental programmes in Wiltshire. For example, the prevention section of the JSA for health and wellbeing has clear linkages with the existing environmental programme. Health improvement activities such as walking and cycling will have positive impacts on individuals health as well as environmental benefits, for example reducing air pollution through less car use. There are also other links, for example by reducing fuel poverty and increasing access to nature, there will be positive environmental and health benefits. The Council and its partners have recognised the links between health and the environment and will continue to work in partnership to improve health and environmental outcomes for the local population.

6. Equalities Impact of the Proposal

Equality and diversity issues were considered within the Joint Strategic Assessment programme. JSA assessments are in the public domain and the community events are public meetings.

7. Risk Assessment

The JSA programme is dependent on accurate intelligence and the publication is dependent upon the involvement of all thematic delivery partnerships. There are no known current risks associated with this programme.

8. Financial Implications

The JSA programme is delivered within the current financial position. There are no known financial implications.

9. Legal Implications

Section 116 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, as amended by the Health and Social Care Act 2012, places a statutory obligation on the Council, in cooperation with its partners, to prepare an assessment of relevant needs within the Council's area. The Joint Strategic Assessment meets this obligation.

10. Options Considered

The JSA programme is commissioned by Wiltshire Public Services Board and Wiltshire Council remains committed to using evidence and intelligence to help shape plans, services and strategies. The timely refresh of this JSA is required to meet this commitment and is part of the overall JSA programme

11. Conclusions

The Cabinet is asked to note the production of the this report and supporting documents and endorse its use in planning, commissioning and strategy cycles.

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Background Papers

The following unpublished documents have been relied on in the preparation of this report: None

Appendices

None