

**TO: EXECUTIVE
29 MARCH 2011**

**Bracknell Forest Joint Strategic Needs Assessment Report
Director of Adult Social Care and Health**

1. PURPOSE OF DECISION

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Executive of the Council's responsibility in relation to the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and to receive the Executive Summary of JSNA for 2011 set out as Annexe A. The statutory responsibility for the JSNA is a joint responsibility of the Director of Adult Social Care and Health and Director of Public Health, together with the Director of Children's Services. Membership of the local group which undertook this development is set out as Annexe B.
- 1.2 The development of the JSNA is a process that identifies the current and future health and well-being needs of the local population. It builds on work undertaken in both Health and the Council in relation to needs assessment pulling it together in one place. It is a snapshot of the needs of the local population. It signposts more detailed information that exists in determining either care group or partnership strategies.
- 1.3 The JSNA is not intended to set out the significant achievements that have been made in the Borough over recent years. The JSNA is an important source document for all of the various Partnership Boards and Scrutiny panels as they look at the outcomes the various strategies aim to achieve for the various parts of the population. In turn as evidence of need is developed throughout the year from the specific partnerships, it is anticipated that these will inform future JSNA development. This will include the any specific health and social care needs that relate to particular community groups, as this local knowledge is developed.
- 1.4 The Bracknell Forest JSNA itself runs to nearly 250 pages with a range of evidence and statistical analysis that underpins the contents of the Executive Summary, although a synopsis of the statistical data has been requested to be included in the Executive Summary for ease of reference. It is intended that both the Executive Summary and full JSNA will be placed on the Council's website.
- 1.5 As an aid for Council staff and partners, an interactive 'stats share' system has been developed which is populated with the key data from the JSNA. It will be available on BORIS from April. This will ensure consistent use of statistics when discussing the Borough. It will also have the Bracknell Forest 'Story of Place' which will be updated annually.
- 1.6 In future, it is proposed that subject to the passing of the Health and Social Care Bill, the production of the JSNA will be the responsibility of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **It is recommended that the Executive:**
 - **Endorse the information contained in the Executive Summary of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment**

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act (2007) places a duty on upper-tier authorities and Primary Care Trusts to undertake a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA).

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 N/A

5. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 5.1 The Health landscape has changed considerably during the production of the JSNA. The group responsible for its production had already decided to link its production to the Marmot Review '*Fairer Lives, Fairer Society*' which was published in 2010. This approach is reflected in the current consultation on the Public Health White Paper.
- 5.2 Once established under legislation, future production of the JSNA will be the responsibility of the Health and Wellbeing Board which will also be responsible for the production of a high level statutory Health and Wellbeing Strategy that is to inform health and social care commissioning.
- 5.3 This document sets out at a high level the areas of need for the population of Bracknell Forest Council. This snapshot of local needs will be essential background reading for people who provide services or who 'commission' local services (commissioning is the process of specifying what a local service should achieve, then buying an appropriate and cost-effective service to meet that specification).
- 5.4 When reading this report it is very important to remember that the whole purpose of the JSNA is to identify current and future priorities (where there are gaps in current services) and how things could be improved which is the first step to making services better than they already are.
- 5.5 The JSNA itself will be an important document for the various Partnership Boards as they establish priorities. Equally important will be to ensure that the JSNA continues to benefit from work undertaken by the Partnership Boards.
- 5.6 Scrutiny Panels will need to be aware of the JSNA as they in turn look at the impact which strategies have had on outcomes for the populations they service.
- 5.7 Together, the Sustainable Community Strategy and the JSNA will also influence other agreements between local government, health and other organisations and regional agencies to provide services which meet locally agreed targets and emerging outcome frameworks.

6. NEXT STEPS

- 6.1 The production of the JSNA is not an end in itself. Once approved, the JSNA data will be able to be downloaded from either Council or NHS Berkshire East websites.

7. ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

Borough Solicitor

- 7.1 The relevant legal provisions are contained within the main body of the report.

Borough Treasurer

- 7.2 The Borough Treasurer is satisfied that no significant financial implications arise from this report. Outcomes from the JSNA will be used to inform priorities and targets, the financial implications of which will be considered during the normal budget setting process.

Impact Assessment

- 7.3 The development of the JSNA identifies Health Inequalities in order that priority action can be addressed.

8. CONSULTATION

Principal Groups Consulted

- 8.1 N/A

Method of Consultation

- 8.2 N/A

Representations Received

- 8.3 N/A

Background Papers

White Paper "Our Health, Our Care, Our Say" (2006)
Strong and Prosperous Communities - Local Government White Paper (2006)
The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act (2007)
Guidance on Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (2007)
DH Commissioning Framework for Health and Well-being (2007)
DH (2007) The NHS in England: Operating Framework for 2008/09
Every Child Matters: Change for Children

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