

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Wokingham Needs Assessment</b>
<b>FOR CONSIDERATION BY</b>	Health and Wellbeing Board on 2 April 2014
<b>WARD</b>	None Specific
<b>STRATEGIC DIRECTOR</b>	Stuart Rowbotham, Director Health and Wellbeing

#### **OUTCOME / BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY**

The Health and Social Act (2012) requires all Health & Wellbeing Board's working through local authorities and CCG's to produce a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment of the health and wellbeing of their local community; hereafter titled "The Wokingham Needs Assessment".

The Wokingham Needs Assessment will enable all partners, including the Local Authority, Clinical Commissioning Group, Healthwatch, social care and children's services together with Public Health, to take account of the broader social and environmental factors that shape people's health and wellbeing as well as providing information on the current picture of health and wellbeing in Wokingham. This will then inform how funding is apportioned and aligned to local need. The Needs Assessment will underpin the health and wellbeing strategies and commissioning plans.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Health and Wellbeing Board notes and supports the content of the Needs Assessment and recommends that it be uploaded onto the website of Wokingham Borough Council.

#### **SUMMARY OF REPORT**

The Wokingham Needs Assessment fulfils the statutory requirements to produce a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment. The format for Wokingham is now a web-based document; to be made accessible to all; and which can be updated as and when new data or intelligence is published. The Assessment includes Ward Profiles highlighting the issues in each ward, as well as topic-based chapters giving headline information and detailed data arranged in sections reflecting the life course. A separate CCG Profile was produced last year to support the Wokingham CCG in establishing its commissioning strategy and priorities.

## Background

The Health and Social Act (2012) states that there is a requirement for all Health & Wellbeing Board's working through local authorities and the Clinical Commissioning Group's to produce a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) of the health and wellbeing of their local community.

The successful transfer of Public Health into six distinct Unitary Authorities (UA's) across the Berkshire region has presented a new opportunity to create a redesigned needs assessment. A Berkshire Public Health Shared Team has been formed to support each UA, which includes scoping the vision for the redesigned needs assessment and providing the essential data to support each unique UA's focus on health inequalities.

The vision is to redesign the needs assessment to ensure that it has the ability to:

- *Be accessible and web based*
- *Provide relevant, easy to disseminate data*
- *Tell the local story*
- *Use Ward data as a tool to plan for localised services*
- *Provide key stakeholders with data for commissioning intentions.*

To take forward this approach the Director of Public Health with support from the Shared Team canvassed views and secured the agreement of each respective Health and Wellbeing Board. All Berkshire Boards unanimously agreed to begin the first phase of transforming a paper based JSNA document into a distinct web-based Needs Assessment with updated, relevant data and the inclusion of ward profiles. Phases 2 & 3 will be natural progression as the web based Needs Assessment develops during 2014/15 to ensure effective updating and review on its fitness for purpose. Phase 4 will be planned to conduct a complete refresh for 2015/16.

## Phases for JSNA Development

<b>Phase 1</b>	Develop a web based Needs Assessment which tells the local story with updated data and newly created ward profiles
<b>Phase 2</b>	<i>Further develop the web based Needs Assessment to link to key strategies across the Council</i>
<b>Phase 3</b>	<i>Build on other local information/data to provide details of health and wellbeing inequalities</i>
<b>Phase 4</b>	<i>Review and update</i>

It is important to note that the Health and Social Care Act (2012) is the key driver for change and that the Needs Assessment has taken on an enhanced role in the planning, prioritisation and commissioning of health and wellbeing priorities within each of the

Unitary Authorities across Berkshire. Therefore it is more important than ever to ensure that it is supported by robust data and evidence.

## Analysis of Issues

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATION

*The Council faces severe financial challenges over the coming years as a result of the austerity measures implemented by the Government and subsequent reductions to public sector funding. It is estimated that Wokingham Borough Council will be required to make budget reductions in excess of £20m over the next three years and all Executive decisions should be made in this context.*

	How much will it Cost/ (Save)	Is there sufficient funding – if not quantify the Shortfall	Revenue or Capital?
Current Financial Year (Year 1)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Next Financial Year (Year 2)	n/a	n/a	n/a
Following Financial Year (Year 3)	n/a	n/a	n/a

#### Other financial information relevant to the Recommendation/Decision

The Berkshire Public Health Shared team are already under contract with Wokingham Borough Council - through the Berkshire Public Health Agreement - to provide the informatics support service necessary to produce the Needs Assessment.

#### Cross-Council Implications

The Council needs to work towards a single version of the truth. For the refresh of the care content and ward profiles; all Council Departments should contribute in a timely fashion and must ensure that they use the same core data-set. The Council should not produce demographic data that is not reflected in the current on-line iteration of the Needs Assessment. The Extended Corporate Leadership Team is the forum through which the updates to the Needs Assessment will be discussed and responsibilities agreed.

#### Reasons for considering the report in Part 2

N/A

#### List of Background Papers

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