

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Report of Executive Director (Legal & Democratic Services)

To

Health and Wellbeing Board

On

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Agenda Item No.

Drug and Alcohol Commissioning and Treatment: Transfer of functions from the Southend Community Safety Partnership Board to the Health and Wellbeing Board

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee(s): People Scrutiny Committee
Cabinet Members : Councillor Harp / Councillor Terry**

Part 1 (Public Agenda Item)

1. Purpose of Report

To set out proposal to transfer the management responsibility for the regulation and performance monitoring and commissioning of drug and alcohol treatment services/provision (DACT) in the Borough from the Community Safety Partnership Board to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the responsibility for the commissioning and performance management of drug and alcohol treatment services / provision be transferred from the Community Safety Partnership Board to the Health Wellbeing Board, with the effect date commencing at the next formal HWB meeting.**
- 2.2 That the HWB Terms of Reference be amended as set out in Appendix 1 to this report and the Constitution be updated accordingly.**

3. Background

- 3.1** The Crime & Disorder Act 1998 (as amended) requires the Police, Local Authorities, Fire and Rescue Services, National Probation Service, Community Rehabilitation Company and Clinical Commissioning Groups (referred to as the responsibility authorities) to work together and with others to reduce crime and disorder, anti-social behaviour, drug or alcohol misuse and re-offending.
- 3.2.** Historically (since approximately 2006) the management responsibility for the commissioning and monitoring of treatment performance of drug and alcohol services/provision has been undertaken by the Southend Community Safety Partnership Board, acting as the Management Board, of the DACT.

The CSP Board's main functions are:

- To receive and consider the latest available performance of commissioned services; and
- To receive and consider the latest available financial performance;

- 3.3 Following a review by the Community Safety Partnership Board on 1st October 2020 it is recommended that the management responsibility should transfer to the Health and Wellbeing Board. The proposal has been made to enable the CSPB to focus on the strategic aims and objectives to reduce crime and disorder and ASB.
- 3.4 The CSPB recognises that drug and alcohol misuse has a detrimental impact on crime and disorder and ASB and therefore the CSPB will continue to monitor and deal with drugs and alcohol in so far as they relate to C&D and ASB. It should also be noted that the CSPB will also continue to act as the Management Board for the Youth Offending Service.
- 3.5. The responsibility for drug and alcohol commissioning sits more comfortably under the Health and Wellbeing Board as it is more a public health issue rather than a crime and disorder one, particularly in terms of treatment outcomes. To include drugs and alcohol as a CSP issue only presents a very narrow narrative focus on the drug-crime nexus, and is not anchored in the recovery one, which is where the focus should be. This would be consistent with the assets based approach and the delivery of 2050 outcomes.
- 3.6. If the Board is minded to agree to the transfer of the management functions it will necessitate amendments to the Health and Wellbeing Board's Terms of Reference. The proposed amendments are set out in **Appendix 1**. It should be noted that the HWB is a statutory Committee of Southend-on-Sea Borough Council and as such any changes to the Terms of Reference should be reported to the Full Council.
- 3.7. It is proposed that the changes come into effect in time for the January/February 2021 meeting of the Board.

4. Other Options

- 4.1 Do nothing and continue with the current arrangements.

5. Reasons for Recommendations

- 5.1 To transfer the management responsibility for the regulation and performance monitoring and commissioning of drug and alcohol treatment from the CSPB to the HWB.

6. Corporate Implications

6.1 Contribution to the Southend 2050 Road Map

Contribution to Council's Southend 2050 Ambition and Priorities, including the STP shared priorities, in particular Active and Involved and Safe and Well.

6.2 Financial Implications

None

6.3 Legal Implications

None

6.4 People Implications

None

6.5 Property Implications

None

6.6 Consultation

None

6.7 Equalities and Diversity Implications

None

6.8 Risk Assessment

None

6.9 Value for Money

None

6.10 Community Safety Implications

None

6.11 Environmental Impact

None

7. Background Papers

None

8. Appendices

8.1 Appendix 1 – Health and Wellbeing Board Revised Terms of Reference