

Meeting: Health & Wellbeing Board

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Key Decision:

Yes / No

Title of Report: Housing & Health JSNA

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. Housing is a significant determinant of both mental and physical health and wellbeing. The impact of housing on health and the association of poor housing conditions with almost every indicator of socio-economic disadvantage is well documented.
- 1.2. The Housing and Health Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) was created in collaboration with a range of internal teams within Southend City council, including public health, planning, growth and housing, and regulatory services.
- 1.3. Protecting people from unhealthy housing is a critical public health priority
- 1.4. The purpose of JSNAs are to improve the health and wellbeing of the local community and to reduce the inequalities for all ages, they are not an end in themselves, but a continuous process of strategic assessment and planning, which can be used to determine and evidence the needs of the community
- 1.5. The intention of this JSNA is to highlight the health concerns with regards to housing. A sample of these include:
 - 1.5.1. Increased risk of mental health due to affordability, poor housing conditions, and accessibility of housing
 - 1.5.2. Increased risk of physical injury due to poor construction, or maintenance
 - 1.5.3. Increased risk of respiratory or cardiovascular conditions due to housing that is difficult or expensive to heat.
 - 1.5.4. Increased risk of infectious diseases in crowded housing.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that Health and Wellbeing Board:

- 2.1. Supports the publication of the Housing and Health JSNA to the SmartSouthend platform.
- 2.2. Reviews the JSNA and provide any advice, feedback and change requests before publication.

3. Background

- 3.1. Local Authorities and Integrated Care Systems have a statutory responsibility to produce Joint Strategic Needs Assessments (JSNA).
- 3.2. The JSNA is a continuous and collaborative process of strategic assessment of relevant need and planning, with the statutory guidance outlining steps to consider for its delivery.
- 3.3. The use of datasets collected from a wide range of sources to provide pooled evidence of qualitative and quantitative nature
- 3.4. The flexibility to produce JSNAs in ways relevant and applicable to local circumstances and population needs.
- 3.5. The JSNA will include comparisons of metrics across relevant geographic neighbours, as well as statistical neighbours, and will include trend analysis where available.
- 3.6. The Housing and Health JSNA had been planned since late 2019, but due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, was postponed while resource was re-allocated.
- 3.7. Overall, this JSNA provides an overview of challenges for housing and public health locally, given the context of projected population change, housing demand, and housing conditions.
- 3.8. The production of this needs assessment covers the following areas:
 - 3.8.1. The demographic of population groups, and different experiences of these groups.
 - 3.8.2. The housing market and availability of housing, both private and social, as well as the affordability of housing in Southend-on-Sea.
 - 3.8.3. The environmental factors affecting residents, both internal to the structure and external.
 - 3.8.4. Homelessness and the effect on health.
 - 3.8.5. Planning, budget, sustainability and circular economy, as well as legislation and policies.

4. Reasons for Decisions

- 4.1. To provide assistance within commissioned services for the improvement of health of the most vulnerable communities .
- 4.2. To seek to maximise opportunities through cross agency and collaborative working with stakeholders to improve housing conditions for those population groups in greater need.
- 4.3. To anticipate the needs and future demands of the population, how these compare to our neighbours and evaluate any gaps in service with the aim of informing plans in the service delivery.
- 4.4. To address gaps in data and evidence to inform best practice and in recognition of the broad nature of housing and health , future supplements to this JSNA will explore other key areas of housing on health in further detail .

5. Other Options

- 5.1. There are no other options, however the public health intelligence team invites any feedback and change requests to be made before formal publication.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1. The Housing and Health JSNA has been completed within existing resources,

7. Legal Implications

- 7.1. As part of the Health and Social Care Act 2012, Local authorities and Clinical Commissioning Groups (later replaced with Integrated Care Boards/ICB) have equal and joint responsibility to prepare JSNAs.

8. Policy Context

- 8.1 The overall policy is being driven by national, regional and local policies; regulation and guidance with our local authority and the ICB applying a local response, to our population's housing needs and the potential impact on the health of some of our most vulnerable population groups/ residents.

9. Carbon Impact

- 9.1 Poor housing has huge carbon impact. Changes to building regulations will help UK deliver net zero. New homes will have to produce around 30% less CO2.
- 9.2 The JSNA has been produced in an interactive electronic format, with the intention of moving away from paper documents and the carbon impact this would have.

10. Equalities

- 10.1. As unhealthy housing is linked with almost every indicator of socioeconomic disadvantage, with significantly higher rates among people and families with long term conditions such as respiratory, cardiovascular and mental health conditions and homelessness, our policy is supporting residents of all ages but with the greatest need of healthy housing.

11. Consultation

- 11.1. No Public consultation is expected to be completed on this JSNA.

12. Appendices

- 12.1. **Appendix 1:** [Housing and Health JSNA Summary](#)
- 12.2. **Appendix 2:** [Housing and Health JSNA Page](#)

13. Report Authorisation

This report has been approved for publication by:		
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