

Report to:	HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD
Relevant Officer:	Stephen Boydell, Principal Epidemiologist, Public Health
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Councillor Jo Farrell, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, and Community Health and Wellbeing
Date of Meeting:	27 June 2023

JOINT STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT WORKING GROUP

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To consider the re-establishment of a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) Working Group.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To re-establish a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment Working Group that meets three times a year, chaired by Blackpool's Director of Public Health with a membership as outlined in Appendix 6a. The group would be representative of the organisations that contribute to the Health and Wellbeing Board and report progress to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 A Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) is an essential tool for identifying and addressing the health and wellbeing needs of the local population. It is a responsibility of the Health and Wellbeing Board and its member organisations.

To support the production of an effective Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, a working group should be established to oversee current Joint Strategic Needs Assessment projects, manage the future work plan, and identify colleagues who can contribute to different topics within the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

- 3.2 Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No
- 3.3 Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

4.0 Other alternative options to be considered:

4.1 None.

5.0 Council priority:

5.1 The relevant Council priority is both:

- “The economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool”
- “Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience”

6.0 Background information

6.1 The latest statutory guidance regarding JSNA can be found here:

[Statutory guidance on joint strategic needs assessments and joint health and wellbeing strategies \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/611117/statutory-guidance-on-joint-strategic-needs-assessments-and-joint-health-and-wellbeing-strategies.pdf)

The document is also attached at Appendix 6b.

This explains who is responsible for undertaking a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, what a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment is and its purpose and how it should inform the Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy and local decision making.

6.2 A proposal is included as an appendix that sets out in more detail the purpose of the group, the terms of reference and potential group membership.

6.3 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

7.0 List of Appendices:

7.1 Appendix 6a Proposal for the re-establishment of a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment Working Group

Appendix 6b: Statutory Guidance on Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

8.0 Financial considerations:

8.1 No direct implication. Staff time to contribute towards production of JSNA projects.

9.0 Legal considerations:

9.1 None.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 Producing an up to date JSNA is a statutory duty of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

11.0 Equalities considerations:

11.1 The establishment of the group does not have an equalities considerations in itself, however the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment is an important tool in understanding health inequalities and how they impact different communities.

12.0 Sustainability, climate change and environmental considerations:

12.1 None.

13.0 Internal/external consultation undertaken:

13.1 None.

14.0 Background papers:

14.1 [Statutory guidance on joint strategic needs assessments and joint health and wellbeing strategies \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)