

## **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PERFORMANCE BOARD 26 JANUARY 2017**

### **DRAFT SCRUTINY REPORT: EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PREVENTION AND RECOVERY DRUG AND ALCOHOL MISUSE SERVICE**

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#### **Summary**

1. The Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board (OSPB) is asked to consider and approve the draft Scrutiny Report on the Effectiveness of the Prevention and Recovery Drug and Alcohol Misuse Scrutiny Task Group.

#### **Background**

2. At the Annual Crime and Disorder Meeting held by the Overview and Scrutiny Performance (OSPB) on 7 July 2015, the £4m commissioned treatment and recovery services in respect of drug and alcohol misuse for adults and children and young people was discussed and it was noted that the contract for this Service was re-commissioned from 1 April 2015 with Swanswell Charitable Trust.
3. Historically, service performance has been poor under the previous contractor, for which the Directorate of Adult Services and Health was subject to scrutiny during the previous Council. It is anticipated that Swanswell's new integrated recovery service will lead to significant improvement against national performance indicators.
4. In anticipation of improvements arising from Swanswell's new integrated service, the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board was keen for some scrutiny of the Prevention and Recovery Drug and Alcohol Misuse Service.
5. It was agreed that the exercise would be led by Cllr Chris Bloore and a Scrutiny Proposal was approved by the Board on 23 September 2015.

#### **Terms of Reference**

6. The Terms of Reference for the scrutiny exercise were to investigate:
  - how the County Council, with partners (including the Police) is developing a prevention and recovery approach and an effective service to help reduce drug and alcohol misuse
  - how effectively the Council is working with other agencies to improve the help and advice provided to addicts and their families

## **OSPB's Role**

7. One of the OSPB's roles is to monitor the quality of scrutinies that are carried out to ensure that scrutiny reports are robust and evidence based, and that they follow the terms of reference agreed by the OSPB.

8. To help with this, the Task Group's Lead Member has provided the OSPB with regular verbal updates on the progress of the scrutiny.

## **Next Steps**

9. Once the Board is content, the Scrutiny Report will be considered by Cabinet on 2 February 2017.

## **Purpose of the Meeting**

10. The OSPB is now invited to consider, comment on and approve the attached Scrutiny Report (to follow).

## **Supporting Information**

Appendix 1- Draft Scrutiny Report – Effectiveness of the Prevention and Recovery Drug and Alcohol Misuse Scrutiny Task Group (to follow)

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## **Background Papers**

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Head of Legal and Democratic Services) the following are the background papers relating to the subject matter of this report:

- Agenda and minutes of the OSPB meetings on 23 September 2015, 24 February 2016, 21 April 2016 and 25 May 2016.
- [All agendas and minutes are available on the Council's website here.](#)