

CABINET
2 FEBRUARY 2017**SCRUTINY REPORT: EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PREVENTION
AND RECOVERY DRUG AND ALCOHOL MISUSE SERVICE**

Relevant Cabinet Members

Mr J H Smith
Mr A C Roberts

Relevant Officer

Director of Public Health

Recommendation

1. **The Leader of the Council and Cabinet Members with Responsibility for Health and Well-being, and Transformation and Commissioning recommend that the Cabinet:**
 - (a) **receives the Scrutiny Report on the effectiveness of the Prevention and Recovery Drug and Alcohol Misuse Service, together with the response from the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Health and Well-Being, in liaison with the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Transformation and Commissioning; and**
 - (b) **notes the Scrutiny Report's findings and recommendation and adopts the response of the Cabinet Member with Responsibility as the way forward.**

Background

2. At the Annual Crime and Disorder meeting held by the Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board (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. Swanswell's focus is on prevention and treatment working in conjunction with primary care and specialist services. They also focus on outreach and community-based work which is thought to be more appropriate for rural Worcestershire. The Swanswell Service includes Peer Mentors and Recovery Champions who can present information about their journey in various community settings e.g. schools, colleges and universities.

3. Historically, service performance has been poor under the previous contractor, for which 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. The OSPB agreed that this area would benefit from some detailed scrutiny, led by Councillor Chris Bloore, lead member for Crime and Disorder.

5. The OSPB approved the scrutiny proposal 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.

Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board

7. The OSPB is considering the Scrutiny Report on 26 January 2017 and if agreed will be despatched following this meeting.

Response of the Cabinet Member

8. The scrutiny process provides for the relevant Cabinet Member with Responsibility to submit to the Cabinet a response to the Scrutiny Report's findings and recommendation to be considered alongside the Scrutiny Report.

9. The response from the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Health and Well-Being, in liaison with the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Transformation and Commissioning, on behalf of the Cabinet will be circulated following the meeting of the OSPB.

Supporting Information

- Appendix 1- Scrutiny Report – Effectiveness of the Prevention and Recovery Drug and Alcohol Misuse Service (to follow)
- Appendix 2 - Response from the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Health and Well-being, in liaison with the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Transformation and Commissioning, on behalf of the Cabinet (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 7 July 2015, 23 September 2015 and 26 January 2017

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