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**KINGSTON UPON HULL CITY COUNCIL**  
**NOTICE OF KEY DECISION**

**Director**

**Ref No.      TBC**

**Julia Weldon**  
**Director of Public Health**

**First Date of Entry**

<b>Likely date of decision</b>	22 December 2021
<b>Subject</b>	Alcohol and Drugs Partnership Strategy
<b>Decision sought (NB if the decision relates to a matter within a specific Area of the City, the relevant Area Committee can deal with it or advise Cabinet on it)</b>	To support the priorities outlined in the Hull Alcohol and Drugs Partnership Strategy Consultation Document and delegate approval of the final Strategy to Julia Weldon as Director of Public Health.
<b>Portfolio Holder</b>	Cllr Lunn
<b>Decision to be taken by (and membership of the body)</b>	Committees in Common
<b>Summary of issues:</b>	<p>Alcohol and drug related harm have magnified during the Covid-19 pandemic. There has been a sharp increase in the prevalence of higher risk drinking since the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis in England and the introduction of the lockdown measures. People of all backgrounds reported drinking more frequently, and although evidence shows that alcohol consumption generally increases with increasing household income, health harm runs the opposite way, with greater harm increasing with decreasing level of household income.</p> <p>Equally, drug misuse and deprivation levels go hand in hand, with areas of higher deprivation having higher rates of problematic and/or dependent drug use, A&amp;E presentations and hospital admissions for drug-related conditions.</p> <p>In 2021 the Hull Alcohol and Drugs Strategic Partnership group agreed to work towards the development of a combined alcohol and drugs strategy that outlines the current priorities and partnership approach required to prevent alcohol/drugs harm and achieve improved outcomes for individuals, families and communities Hull.</p>

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	<p>A cross organisational citywide alcohol and drugs strategy is needed to ensure shared accountability across the partnership and the deployment of resources needed to address alcohol and drug related harm in the city of Hull.</p> <p>The Partnership designated a steering group to coordinate the development of the Strategy. This group produced an Alcohol and Drugs Needs Assessment document to inform the Strategy development, and conducted a first stakeholder survey in July-August 2021 to measure the effectiveness of the stakeholder engagement and provide insight into how this could be further developed and improved. These initial activities were followed by a series of engagement events during September-October, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sessions with service users, which consisted in targeted/in-depth conversations with young people and adults in contact with alcohol/drug services (early intervention and treatment).</li> <li>• Workshops with stakeholders, which brought together individuals from different services, organisations and groups, who were asked to contribute to shape and develop the Hull Alcohol and Drugs Partnership Strategy.</li> <li>• A Primary Care Survey was sent to staff from Primary Care, including clinicians, practice managers and strategic leads, to gain a better understanding of the challenges to identify problematic alcohol/drug use and support patients with alcohol/drug dependence in Primary Care.</li> </ul> <p>The Committees in Common report will provide further details on the Strategy Framework and Consultation Document shared with a wide range of stakeholders, and the set of priorities and recommendations to inform the Strategy Action Plan.</p>
<b>Financial Implications:</b>	The strategy will provide a framework for future prioritisation of budgets and resources.
<b>Other implications for the Council:</b>	None
<b>Documents to be submitted to the decision maker for consideration</b>	Committees in Common formal report

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<b>Is the matter confidential/exempt? If yes please quote the relevant paragraph of the Local Government Act 1972 and provide reasons why exempt</b>	No	
<b>Who we intend to consult and how</b>	Finance, Scrutiny, Legal and the Portfolio Holder through the decision record process.	
<b>How others can make representations about this matter including (if the matter is identified as exempt) upon whether the matter should be considered in public</b>	By email to the below	
<b>Deadline for representations (NB: date cannot be before first date of entry into the Forward Plan)</b>	8 working days before the above decision date	
<b>Where item is identified to be considered in exempt session, any representations received and the response thereto</b>	Not applicable.	
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