

Subject:	Drug and Alcohol Provision in Rossendale Task and Finish Group Report	Status:	For publication
Report to:	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Date:	16 th January 2017
Report of:	Drug and Alcohol Provision in Rossendale Task and Finish Group	Portfolio Holder:	Customer Services and Health
Key Decision:	<input type="checkbox"/> Forward Plan <input type="checkbox"/>	General Exception	<input type="checkbox"/> Special Urgency <input type="checkbox"/>
Equality Impact Assessment:	Required:	No	Attached: No
Biodiversity Impact Assessment	Required:	No	Attached: No
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1.	RECOMMENDATION(S)
1.1	That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee approve the Drug and Alcohol Provision in Rossendale Task and Finish Group Report prior to sending to the organisations who contributed to this piece of work for their comments on the recommendations.

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 2.1 To inform the Overview and Scrutiny Committee of the outcome of the task and finish group's work in relation to Drug and Alcohol Provision in Rossendale.

3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- 3.1 The matters discussed in this report impact directly on the following corporate priorities:
- **Responsive Value for Money Services:** This priority is about the Council working collaboratively, being a provider, procurer and a commissioner of services that are efficient and that meet the needs of local people.

4. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no specific risk issues for members to consider arising from this report.

5. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS

- 5.1 The task and finish group was established due to concerns raised by Councillors following their attendance at an Inspire relaunch event in Accrington, when they became aware of a change to the service delivery which they felt might have an impact on the provision in Rossendale.
- 5.2 The task group invited the Team Manager, Community Wellbeing, Prevention & Early Help, Inspire East Lancashire to the first meeting to explain the new model of service provision and how this would impact on Rossendale residents.
- 5.3 A representative from Young Addaction (formerly Early Break) was also invited to explain their role with clients up to 25 years old.
- 5.4 An Officer from the Council's Housing Options Team also attended to explain the barriers she faces with members of the public presenting as homeless who have drug and alcohol issues.

- 5.5 The report, once approved by the Committee will be sent to Inspire, Young Addaction and the CAB for comments on the recommendations. A copy would also be sent to the Health and Wellbeing Partnership, Police, Pubwatch and the North West Ambulance, including the Rossendale Specialist Community Paramedic for information.

COMMENTS FROM STATUTORY OFFICERS:

6. SECTION 151 OFFICER

- 6.1 Financial implications are noted in the report.

7. MONITORING OFFICER

- 7.1 No legal implications for the Council.

8. POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

- 8.1 No policy implications for the Council at this stage.

- 8.2 The report set out in **Appendix A** has been produced in consultation with the Drug and Alcohol Provision in Rossendale Task and Finish Group and relevant organisations who provide this service for the residents of Rossendale.

9. CONCLUSION

- 9.1 The work of the task and finish group and the findings and recommendations made are being presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for approval.