

Subject: **Dual Diagnosis: Overview & Scrutiny Report**
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Report of: **Director of Strategy & Governance**
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Wards Affected: All

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 The Council's Constitution (6.15.4) requires reports from Overview & Scrutiny Ad Hoc Panels and Select Committees, together with the Executive response to these reports, to be reported to full Council for information.
- 1.2 **Appendix 1** to this report contains the original Overview & Scrutiny report on Dual Diagnosis (of mental health and substance misuse issues) together with its appendices. **Appendix 2** to this report contains the Cabinet response to the Dual Diagnosis report (the report which went to 09.07.09 Cabinet and an extract from the minutes to this meeting).

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Dual Diagnosis Scrutiny Panel's report and the executive response of the Cabinet to the report be noted.

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 At the 14 January 2008 Overview & Scrutiny Organisation Committee (OSOC) meeting, OSOC members considered and approved a scrutiny request from Councillor Georgia Wrighton to "investigate and suggest improvements to the provision of health, housing and support services for those in the community, who because of an actual or perceived co-existing substance misuse and mental health problem, fail to receive adequate medical and social care."
- 3.2 Co-existing substance misuse and mental health problems are commonly referred to as 'Dual Diagnoses'. People with a Dual Diagnosis may be some of the most vulnerable *and* the most disruptive members of the local

community, and can pose very considerable challenges for health, social care, housing and police services. A detailed discussion of the problems associated with Dual Diagnosis can be found in the body of the Overview & Scrutiny report.

- 3.3 Councillors Pat Hawkes, Keith Taylor, David Watkins and Jan Young agreed to form a scrutiny panel to investigate this issue, with Councillor Watkins elected Chairman of the panel. (Councillor Young subsequently resigned from the panel upon being appointed to the Council's Executive, as Executive members may not sit on Overview & Scrutiny committees/panels.)
- 3.4 The panel's completed report was presented to the Overview & Scrutiny Commission (OSC) on 21 April 2009. The OSC endorsed the report and referred it to the Council's Executive.
- 3.5 Cabinet considered the report on 11 June 2009. Cabinet endorsed the majority of the report recommendations and agreed to pass all the recommendations on for consideration to the partnership group currently working to revise the city Working Age Mental Health Commissioning Strategy. The revised Working Age Mental Health Commissioning Strategy is due to be ratified by the Joint Commissioning Board in early 2010.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 No formal consultation has been undertaken in compiling this report.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 5.1 The impact of the recommendations agreed by the Cabinet following the Scrutiny review and development of mental health and housing services will be financially modelled as part of the development of the Adult Mental Health commissioning strategy and subsequently input into future Health and Council budget strategies for consideration.

Legal Implications:

- 5.2 As indicated in paragraphs 1.1 and 2.1 above, and in accordance with the council's procedure rules on overview and scrutiny, this report is purely for Council to note. There are no further legal implications arising directly from the report.

Equalities Implications:

- 5.3 None specific to this report for information. Please see the implications on the attached report to Cabinet.

Sustainability Implications:

5.4 None specific to this report for information. Please see the implications on the attached report to Cabinet.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

5.5 None specific to this report for information. Please see the implications on the attached report to Cabinet.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

5.6 None specific to this report for information. Please see the implications on the attached report to Cabinet.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

5.7 None specific to this report for information. Please see the implications on the attached report to Cabinet.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. The Overview & Scrutiny Report on Dual Diagnosis (and its appendices);
2. The Cabinet response to the Dual Diagnosis report (report to 09.07.09 Cabinet and an extract from the minutes of this meeting).

Documents in Members' Rooms:

None

Background Documents:

None

