



<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Public Health Agency Consultation on the Substance Use Strategic Commissioning and Implementation Plan – Council Response</b>
<b>Date:</b>	15th December, 2023
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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues</b>
1.1	To present for approval a response to the recent public consultation on the Substance Use Strategic Commissioning and Implementation Plan.

<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
2.1	The Committee is asked to consider and approve the draft response to the recent PHA consultation on 'Substance Use Strategic Commissioning and Implementation Plan' which has been submitted on behalf of the Council subject to any further changes from the Committee being submitted for consideration.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	As the Committee may be aware, the Public Health Agency (PHA) in partnership with The Strategic Planning & Performance Group (SPPG) recently undertook a consultation seeking views on the Substance Use Strategic Commissioning and Implementation Plan (the Plan) which will deliver the vision outlined in the Department of Health's recent Substance Use Strategy <a href="#">Making Life Better, Preventing Harm, Empowering Recovery</a> . The 12-week consultation closed on 24 <sup>th</sup> November 2023.
3.2	Views were sought on each of the eight strategic priority areas that were identified in the Substance Use Strategic Commissioning and Implementation Plan. Priorities include prevention and early intervention, pathways of care and models of support, trauma informed system, family support, stigma, workforce development, digital innovation and data research.
3.3	Given the impact substance use can have, it is important to regularly review the services that are in place to provide support, and to gather the lived experiences of those directly impacted by substance use and to ensure services are designed and delivered to support individuals, families and communities who may need them.
3.4	Council officers continue to work closely with a multi-agency partnership through the Belfast Drug and Alcohol Coordination Team (BDACT) to help shape the emerging proposals around substance use including a recent workshop held to develop a shared response to the consultation. Given the significance of this challenge for the city, all members of BDACT were encouraged to submit a supporting response individually. A draft Council response has been submitted (see attached) in line with the closing date, however, it is subject to Committee and Council consideration and ratification. The PHA will be informed of any emerging changes or additions from the Council.
4.0	<b><u>Financial and Human Resource Implications</u></b> There are no Financial or Human Resources implications contained in this report.
5.0	<b><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></b> There are no Equality, Good Relations or Rural Need implications contained in this report.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Document Attached</b>
	Council Response submitted to PHA subject to Committee/Council consideration.