

# Birmingham City Council

## Report to Cabinet

21 April 2020



**Subject:** BIRMINGHAM JOINT STRATEGIC NEEDS  
ASSESSMENT (JSNA) CORE DATA SET – CHILDREN  
AND YOUNG PEOPLE CHAPTER

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### 1 Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report asks Cabinet to approve a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA), focusing on Children and Young People. The JSNA has been distributed to Birmingham Children's Safeguarding Board, Children's Services colleagues in Birmingham and Solihull Clinical Commissioning Group and providers. Comments and suggestions have been incorporated.

1.2 The Birmingham JSNA highlights several issues, which are:

- Public Health have consulted with professional colleagues working in children and young people's services
- The city has a higher fertility rate than the England and West Midlands average, and a larger proportion of the population aged under 18 years.
- Birmingham faces significant challenges in pregnancy reflected in the persistently high rates of still birth and infant mortality
- Across Early Years there is consistent evidence highlighting the need to address infant feeding, oral health and mental wellbeing
- Through the school years there is positive evidence of closing the gap for academic achievement
- The evidence shows that children and young people facing additional challenges consistently have worse health outcomes

1.3 The publishing of the Birmingham JSNA has no significant legal/contractual or financial/budgetary implications for Birmingham City Council.

## **2 Recommendations**

2.1 Cabinet is asked to approve the Children and Young People Chapter of the JSNA

## **3 Background**

3.1 A JSNA is intended to be a systematic method for taking a snapshot in time to review the health and wellbeing needs of a population, to support agreed commissioning priorities that will improve the health and wellbeing outcomes and reduce inequalities.

3.2 Birmingham Public Health are taking a life course approach to providing JSNA products: Children and Young People, Working Age Adults and Older Adults. The attached report covers this first of these.

## **4 Options considered and Recommended Proposal**

4.1 No alternative options are recommended for proposal

## **5 Consultation**

5.1 The report has been developed with support from both Council and other strategic partner input, especially from Birmingham Children's Trust, Adult Social Care and Health, NHS and Birmingham Health and Wellbeing Board members.

## **6 Risk Management**

6.1 The creation of JSNA documents is an on-going process, so content will be updated periodically, allowing for changes in data trends and emerging health and well-being themes. Due to the coronavirus outbreak, and officers in Public Health

being diverted to COVID-19 duties, the programme of work maintaining JSNA content will not follow the original timescale

## **7 Compliance Issues:**

### **7.1 How are the recommended decisions consistent with the City Council's priorities, plans and strategies?**

- 7.1.1 This chapter of the JSNA is consistent with the Birmingham City Council Plan 2018-2022 Outcome of the Council wanting to achieve an aspirational city to grow up in.

### **7.2 Legal Implications**

- 7.2.1 None

### **7.3 Financial Implications**

- 7.3.1 None

### **7.4 Procurement Implications (if required)**

- 7.4.1 N/A

### **7.5 Human Resources Implications (if required)**

- 7.5.1 N/A

### **7.6 Public Sector Equality Duty**

- 7.6.1 The Equality Impact Assessment has been approved, where the JSNA includes significant commentary on inequalities in the context of many of the protected characteristics and in doing so will help to inform the Council's EIA approach and wider commissioning decision making.

## **8 Appendices**

1. Birmingham Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) Core Data Set – Children and Young People Chapter – Report
2. Equality Impact Assessment.

## **9 Background Documents**

- 9.1 None