CUMBRIA DRUG AND ALCOHOL ACTION TEAM ADULT TREATMENT PLAN 2007/08

SECTION A: RECOMMENDATION OF CABINET MEMBER

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 Cumbria Drug and Alcohol Action Team (DAAT) is the strategic partnership responsible for the local delivery of the national drug strategy. The DAAT produces an annual Adult Treatment Plan, which describes the key activities and allocation of resources in relation to treatment services for adult drug users.

1.2 The final plan will be approved by the DAAT Partnership Board on March 13th and will be submitted to the National Treatment Agency for Substance Misuse on March 16th. The draft plan has been produced in a nationally required format.

1.3 The DAAT is currently undertaking a consultation exercise on the draft Adult Treatment Plan for 2007/08. Cumbria County Council is a key member of the DAAT Partnership. As part of the consultation process Cabinet are requested to consider the content of the draft and to identify any key amendments to be recommended to the DAAT Partnership.

2.0 POLICY POSITION, BUDGETARY AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS AND LINKS TO CORPORATE STRATEGY

2.1 The Adult Treatment Plan seeks to reduce the harm caused by illegal drugs in Cumbria and, as such, contributes significantly to the improvement of the health and wellbeing of adults. Drug abuse in adults also impacts on the
health and wellbeing of children, so this report links to both Health and Children’s themes within the Corporate Strategy. The management of illicit drug use will also impact on the ability of the Council to create safe and secure communities.

2.2 The report proposes that the DAAT budget is managed by the County Council. Careful management of the budget will ensure that there are no additional budgetary implications for the County Council.

2.3 The Drug and Alcohol Action Team requires all providers to monitor the impact and take up of their services to black and ethnic minority communities, to ensure equity of provision. Access to services in primary care and community services is very high, which is particularly significant in the rural context of Cumbria.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

3.1 Cabinet are recommended to endorse the draft DAAT Adult Treatment Plan 2007/08.

3.2 Cabinet are recommended to identify any outstanding issues for clarification or amendment as part of the consultation process.

3.3 Cabinet are recommended to approve the request for the County Council to act as accountable body for all income paid to the DAAT and for Adult Social Care to formalise this through a Section 31 Partnership Agreement with Cumbria PCT. An additional part-time Finance post to manage this work will be funded by the DAAT Partnership and based within Adult Social Care.

Oliver Pearson
Cabinet Member for Healthy Communities and Adults

SECTION B:
ADVICE OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR – ADULT SOCIAL CARE

4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 The Audit Commission undertook a Safer Communities stage one review in 2004, which examined responses in Cumbria to reduce the harm caused by illegal drugs. The review identified several areas for development and cited the need for improved engagement and strategic leadership from key organisations, including the County Council. The second stage of the review is being conducted during January and February 2007.

4.2 From April 2007 Jill Stannard, Corporate Director of Adult Social Care, will Chair the DAAT Partnership. This provides a clear indication of the Councils commitment to engage fully in this area of work.

4.3 The draft Adult Treatment Plan is focussed around the delivery of the DAAT Strategy 2006 – 08. The strategy is informed by, and linked to, the objectives
of each of the DAAT partner agencies, and further partnership processes including the local area agreement.

4.4 The Adult Treatment Plan includes the planned use of the DAAT partner agencies mainstream expenditure, and of the ring-fenced DAAT partnership income streams. The latter can only be spent on combating illicit drug use and has rigid conditions, meaning that expenditure on alcohol is not permissible. The anticipated recurring budget in 2007/08 is c£5.4 million. This is based on c£3.2 million paid to the DAAT from central government, which is still subject to confirmation, and c£2.2 million partner agency resources.

4.5 The total budget includes the planned use of c£280,000 Cumbria County Council resource, the majority of which is used to purchase residential rehabilitation placements.

4.6 The total budget also includes the planned use of the and Drug Intervention Programme Grant, which is paid to Cumbria County Council who act as accountable body for the grant on behalf of the DAAT. This is anticipated to be c£375,000 in 2007/08. It also includes c£290,000 Supporting People expenditure, which the Council also acts as accountable body for.

4.7 The DAAT Partnership has agreed to request the County Council to act as accountable body for all the income paid to the DAAT Partnership from central government. The largest such income, the Adult Pooled treatment Budget, is currently paid to Cumbria Primary Care Trust. The transferring of accountable body responsibilities to the Council is subject to Cabinet agreement and to resolving the arising practical impediments.

4.8 Alcohol related expenditure and activity is excluded from the DAAT Adult Treatment Plan. However, the DAAT partnership will lead the development of a Cumbria Alcohol Strategy during 2007/08, with a focus on enabling the delivery of the local area agreement targets.

5.0 CONCLUSION

5.1 The DAAT Adult Treatment Plan provides the key operational business plan for addressing the harm caused by illegal drugs. Cabinet are requested to use the consultation on the draft plan for 2007/08 as an opportunity to ensuring that the plan and associated arrangements are as robust as possible.

Jill Stannard
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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Adult Drug Treatment Plan 2007/08
**IMPLICATIONS**

| Staffing: | None |
| Financial: | None |
| Electoral Division(s): | All |

**Executive Decision**

**Key Decision**

If a Key Decision, is the proposal published in the current Forward Plan?  

Is the decision exempt from call-in on grounds of urgency?  

If exempt from call-in, has the agreement of the Chair of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee been sought or obtained?  

Has this matter been considered by Overview and Scrutiny?  
If so, give details below.
Sent to Chair of Adult Scrutiny for consideration.

**PREVIOUS RELEVANT COUNCIL OR EXECUTIVE DECISIONS**  
**[including Local Committees]**

No previous relevant decisions

**CONSIDERATION BY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY**

Not considered by Overview and Scrutiny

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

No background papers

**RESPONSIBLE CABINET MEMBER**

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