

3. MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSIONING PLAN - NEEDS ASSESSMENT

A report had been circulated by the Director providing an update on the needs assessment that would inform the Mental Health Commissioning Plan.

The report recalled that at the meeting on 24 March 2016 the Integration Joint Board (IJB) approved its Strategic Plan which included details of how high level outcomes were to be achieved through a process of strategic commissioning. The Strategic Plan also included a commitment to develop a series of care group based commissioning plans.

Attached to the report at Appendix 1 was the schedule and current progress for the development of the plan for Mental Health services. The first phase of this had now been completed in respect of the analytical phase – the needs assessment; a copy of which was circulated at the meeting.

Recommendations from the needs assessment were derived from evidence gathered and analysed from the review of literature, surveys and field work including study informants; these had been grouped under six key themes. The group were advised that the emerging recommendations were few in number at this stage but it was expected that these would increase in due course as the needs assessment reached its full conclusion.

The recommendations had been developed to match the level of commitment and desire demonstrated and a focus on the recommendations would lead to a comprehensive programme of change and improvement in the communities in which they lived.

It was proposed that the following engagement with the Strategic Planning Group, a final draft would thereafter be presented to the Integrated Joint Board for approval and any comments before going to the IJB meeting would be welcome.

Decision

- 1) Noted the contents of the report;
- 2) Noted the contents of the summary of the emerging recommendations;
- 3) Noted that the final version of the report would be presented to the next meeting of the IJB taking place on 23 August 2016 for approval; and
- 4) Agreed that prior to submission to the IJB for approval members of the Strategic Planning Group were to submit comments on the document to Alan Bell for consideration.