

SCRUTINY COMMISSION – 3 FEBRUARY 2010

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

THE TOTAL PLACE PROJECT

Introduction

1. The purpose of this report is to enable consideration to be given to the Total Place Project and the proposals for changes to the delivery of drugs and alcohol services and the arrangements for access to services.

Background

2. An all member briefing on the Total Place Project was held on 15 December.
3. The purposes of the Total Place Project are to:
 - (i) examine opportunities for cross-organisational solutions to service improvements and efficiency savings;
 - (ii) involve counting/mapping all public expenditure flowing through the place;
 - (iii) enable understanding of the relationship between centrally/locally directed resources and the impact on outcomes;
 - (iv) enable understanding of the way joint working helps or hinders achieving improved outcomes to be examined.
4. Leicestershire was chosen as one of 13 pilots across the country. Within the pilot, two themes were chosen: drugs and alcohol and access to services.

Drugs and Alcohol

5. This theme was chosen because the service pressures and costs of alcohol and drugs misuse fall across a range of agencies and settings such as:
 - acute health services;
 - accident and emergency;
 - police cells;
 - family problems;
 - mental health problems;

- crime;
- unemployment.

Access to Services

6. This topic was chosen because the Comprehensive Area Assessment identified that Leicestershire was behind some other areas in providing people with access to services as a whole, rather than as separate agencies. The Total Place project has been identified as a way of developing an improvement plan in this area.

Total Capital

7. Leicester and Leicestershire is also a pilot for Total Capital which seeks to investigate how decisions on capital spend can be made more effectively in localities.
8. The respective Project Boards are finalising their recommendations on the changes required to improve drugs and alcohol services in the City and County and improve access to services in the County at reduced cost.

Timetable for Decisions

9. Government requires a first draft of the Total Place and Total Capital reports by the 3rd February and a final draft by the 19th February. The Cabinet will consider the Total Place and Total Capital Projects at its meeting on 9 February together with any comments the Commission wishes to make.
10. A copy of the Cabinet report will be circulated to the Commission as soon as it becomes available.

Background Papers

None.

Circulation under the Local Issues Alert Procedure

None.

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