

## Reducing the impact of Drugs on local communities - Decisions and Actions Required

### Decisions

1. *Members are asked to consider:*
  - *Practical and positive impact that councils can make on reducing the impact of drug misuse on local communities*
  - *The barriers to doing so*

### Actions Required

2. *As suggested by the Board*

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## Reducing the impact of Drugs on local communities Summary

1. *The LGA response to the Government's consultation on the National Drug Strategy is attached in order to inform the Board's discussion on the practical and positive impact that councils can make on the misuse of drugs and the barriers to doing so.*

### Background

2. *The current national drug strategy is due to end in March 2008. In drawing up the new strategy, Government is aiming to stimulate fresh and constructive ideas on how best to reduce the harm caused by drugs. The consultation focused on:*

- *Asking communities what more needs to be done to get drug dealers off their streets  
Considering whether to expand drug education and awareness for younger people*
- *Ensuring better continuity of care for drug users to keep them on the straight and narrow after drug treatment*
- *Enhancing supporting for young people and families to promote resilience against drug use*
- *Reviewing cannabis classification*
- *Stopping drugs coming into the country*
- *Better involving the community in providing information on drug related crimes*

*The LGA's response to the consultation paper is attached.*

### Implications for Wales

3. *The strategy applies to England and Wales, but some aspects – for example classification – cover the UK as a whole*

### Financial/Resource Implications

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