

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET

3RD MARCH 2010

OLDER PEOPLE TASK GROUP REPORT

Responsible Portfolio Holders	Councillor Mrs. M. A. Sherrey JP
Responsible Head of Service For Overview and Scrutiny	Mrs. C. Felton – Head of Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to allow Cabinet to consider the findings and recommendations of the attached Overview Board Task Group report.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The Cabinet is requested to:
- (a) consider the attached Overview Board report (Appendix 1) and recommendations contained within it;
 - (b) to either agree, amend or reject each of the Overview Board recommendations contained in the report;
 - (c) provide an Executive Response to the Overview Board report and recommendations,
 - (d) request the relevant Portfolio Holder in consultation with the Assistant Chief Executive to indicate the expected implementation dates within the Executive Response, as appropriate.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 At the Meeting of the Overview Board on 3rd February 2009, it was decided a Task Group would be established to scrutinise issues relating to older people and that Councillor Mrs. M. Bunker would be appointed as Chairman.
- 3.2 The role of the Older People Task Group was:
- To carry out a scrutiny exercise to identify existing services and how they can be accessed.
 - To identify any gaps and consider how they can be addressed or signposted to other agencies.
 - To identify positive initiatives and make general recommendations for strengthening services offered for Older People and share best practice with partner agencies and the voluntary sector.

- To seek the views of statutory, voluntary and community organisations supporting older people services.
- 3.3 The full terms of reference for the Task Group investigation are contained within the attached Task Group report.
- 3.4 The Assistant Chief Executive and Task Group Chairman presented the draft recommendations to the Older Peoples Forum meeting on 8th December 2009 and the Equality and Diversity Forum meeting on 10th December 2009 for comment.
- 3.3 The Task Group report and recommendations were agreed by the Overview Board at its meeting on 2nd February 2010 and referred to Cabinet for consideration.

4. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 Overview and Scrutiny committees do not have decision making powers but make recommendations to the Cabinet and other decision makers. Overview and Scrutiny recommendations are published and presented to the Cabinet in accordance with Part 14.1 of the Council Constitution.
- 4.2 Upon consideration of the recommendations the Cabinet is requested to provide an Executive Response and executive decision in respect of each recommendation.
- 4.3 The recommendations of the Task Group are summarised on page 3 of the Task Group report attached at Appendix 1.

5. THE EXECUTIVE RESPONSE

- 5.1 The Cabinet is asked to provide an Executive Response to the Overview Board report and recommendations and to either agree, reject or amend each of the recommendations set out in the report. The relevant portfolio holder(s) are also requested to present the Executive Response to the next meeting of the Overview Board on 30th March 2010.
- 5.2 The Executive Response should provide clarity about what executive decisions are being made by Cabinet in respect of each recommendation. The Executive Response should also provide a target implementation date or timetable to clarify when each agreed scrutiny recommendation will be implemented.
- 5.3 The Executive Response presented to the Overview Board may include an Action Plan to summarise:
- the Cabinet decision,
 - the service(s) responsible for implementation,
 - any key stages of the implementation process with key dates, and
 - the target implementation date.

This will enable the Overview Board to monitor the implementation of agreed recommendations effectively.

- 5.4 The Cabinet Decisions made in respect of Overview and Scrutiny recommendations will be monitored and reviewed by the Scrutiny Board to check on how they are being implemented, until each of the recommendations have been fully implemented.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The recommendations supporting an Ageing Well Scheme and an Older Person's Services Directory both have revenue funding implications. Since the Task Group agreed its report, the recommendations for the necessary funding in respect of these items were approved by the full Council on 20th January 2010 as part of the Medium Term Financial Plan for 2010/11 -2012/13.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no legal implications relating to this report.

8. COUNCIL OBJECTIVES

- 8.1 This report links to the Council's Objectives of Sense of Community and Well Being and Regeneration and the Priorities in relation to Town Centre and Housing.

9. RISK MANAGEMENT INCLUDING HEALTH AND SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

- 9.1 The risk of not implementing the recommendations contained within the attached overview report is that this Council does not continue to improve the services for older people and in particular, customer service standards.

10. CUSTOMER IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 If the recommendations were approved and implemented, residents living in Bromsgrove District would benefit from improved customer service, which would have an emphasis on customer satisfaction.

11. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 There are no implications directly relating to this report for the Council's Equalities and Diversity Policies.

12. VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 12.1 There are no value for money implications directly relating to this report.

13. CLIMATE CHANGE AND CARBON IMPLICATIONS

13.1 None

14. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Procurement Issues – None
Personnel – None
Governance/Performance Management – None
Community Safety including Section 17 of Crime and Disorder Act 1998 None
Policy – None
Biodiversity – None

15. OTHERS CONSULTED ON THE REPORT

Portfolio Holder	No
Chief Executive	No
Executive Director (Partnerships and Projects)	No
Executive Director (Services)	No
Assistant Chief Executive	No
Head of Service	No
Head of Financial Services	No
Head of Legal, Equalities & Democratic Services	No
Head of Organisational Development & HR	No
Corporate Procurement Team	No
Head of Street Scene and Community Services	No

16. WARDS AFFECTED

All Wards.

17. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 Older People Task Group Report

18. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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