

## DISABLED PEOPLE'S PLAN 2009-2012 UPDATE

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<b>Cabinet Portfolio</b>	Social Services, Health & Housing
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<b>Papers with report</b>	Detailed progress report against actions within the plan attached as Appendix 1.

### HEADLINE INFORMATION

<b>Purpose of report</b>	To provide Cabinet with a performance update on the Disabled People's Plan action plan for 2010-11 up to the end of year.
<b>Contribution to our plans and strategies</b>	<p>The Plan contributes to the delivery of the aims of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Council's Single Equality Scheme</li><li>• Disabled Children Strategy</li><li>• Joint Carers' Strategy (2008 – 2018)</li><li>• The plan also supports the objectives of the joint strategies for people of working age with physical and/or sensory disabilities, older people and adults with mental health needs.</li></ul>
<b>Financial Cost</b>	Costs attributed to this plan are accounted for in individual service budgets
<b>Relevant Policy Overview Committee</b>	Social Services, Health and Housing
<b>Ward(s) affected</b>	All

### RECOMMENDATION

**That Cabinet notes the progress made on the delivery of the 2010/11 Disabled People's Plan up to the end of year.**

### INFORMATION

#### Reasons for recommendation

1. The Disabled People's Plan was developed to identify and address some of the challenges facing disabled people of all ages in Hillingdon by identifying what the council can do directly, or through its influence with others, to improve the lives of disabled people and to maximise their health and wellbeing.
2. The update for Quarter one and two of the 2010/11 Disabled People's Plan was presented to Cabinet in November 2010. The update for quarter 3 was presented in February 2011.

## **Alternative options considered / risk management**

3. None considered.

## **Comments of Policy Overview Committee(s)**

4. None at this stage.

## **Supporting Information**

5. The end of year position is set out in Appendix 1. However Cabinet may wish to note the following developments during the year 2010/11:

### ***Priority One: Improving Health and Wellbeing***

- **Identifying the support needs of carers of people living with a stroke-** Two listening exercises have been undertaken, one with new carers, the second with experienced carers of people living with a stroke. Seven carers attended the first event, three carers the second. Information gathered from these events will inform the improvement of support for carers and will assist in the development of integrated service pathways relating to stroke.
- **Delivering the Re-ablement Programme-** The new re-ablement service is operational and the scope of the service has been widened to existing clients that require an increase in care. To date 210 (34%) of clients have not required ongoing support from social care.

### ***Priority Two: Strong and Active Communities***

- **Improving services on offer to younger people in sports facilities -** Queensmead continues to deliver activities with regular numbers. A new format for Queensmead and Botwell clubs is being progressed to increase numbers further. Two Holiday activity weeks specifically aimed at children & Young People with disabilities completed as part of the FIESTA summer scheme. Coaching sessions started for disability football and boccia in the schools.

### ***Priority Three: Protecting and Enhancing the Environment***

- **Carrying out parking measures like parking enforcement, car park security and improvements -** There has been ongoing monitoring of the parking enforcement contractor to ensure effectiveness. During 2010/11 a total of 1,905 Penalty Charge Notices were issued to vehicles parking in disabled bays without displaying a valid Blue Badge. During a recent fraud exercise, a total of 49 Blue Badges were inspected and this resulted in 14 badges being seized as they were being used illegally and 10 parking tickets being issued to offenders. The disabled bays in the council's public car parks have been reviewed and remarked, which included widening them where necessary and installing additional bays where required.

### ***Priority Four: Making Hillingdon Safer***

- **Promoting community cohesion -** Work has been completed with the Hayes Muslim centre. Presentations and outreach sessions have been delivered to over 500 people to raise awareness of the support available for people with disabilities. These sessions are now on-going. An accessible weekly football session is being set up in partnership with the Muslim centre utilising Botwell leisure centre. Work is taking place with Travellers on the Colne Park site in delivering outreach support. A programme of sporting activities is planned.

### ***Priority Five: A Thriving Economy***

- **Supporting 40 disabled people into employment through the Gateway Heathrow project** - 70 disabled people across the west London boroughs have been recruited through this project, which supports people gain employment in the hospitality, leisure, travel and tourism sector.

### ***Priority Six: Improving Aspiration Through Education and Learning***

- **Improving the educational standards of children with disabilities and additional needs-** Processes for planning the education and training for young people with learning difficulties and disabilities is now well established. Effective links have been formed with Connexions intensive Personal Assistants and with Adult Social Care.
- Arrangements for additional learning support for learners with more severe needs in college has been effective. The team is working with the Young People's Learning Agency (YPLA) to pilot the 'Learning for Living Framework', a framework to support young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) in their transition to adult life. The Inclusion strategy action plan has been refreshed in line with the demise of the National Strategies and the final arrival of the SEN Green paper. Synergies with the primary school's strategy are now in place and complement each other. Key successes include the roll out of the Inclusion Development Programme (IDP) for behaviour to primary and secondary school - thus completing all IDP projects over the year (Autistic Spectrum Disorder, Behaviour, communication and dyslexia). Three Specialist Resourced Provisions (SRP) in secondary schools have been reviewed and amended to reflect need and all schools have received OfSTED safeguarding updates.

### **Financial Implications**

6. The tasks contained in this action plan will be carried out within existing resources.

### **EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES**

#### **What will be the effect of the recommendation?**

7. The Plan seeks to ensure responsive services and better outcomes for disabled people.

#### **Consultation Carried Out or Required**

8. The Disabled People's Plan is presented to the Disabled People's Assembly steering group and issues are consulted upon at the Disabled People's Assembly. Further consultation will be carried out with service users and user groups to identify the difference that services are making.

### **CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

#### **Corporate Finance**

9. Corporate Finance has reviewed this report and its recommendations and is satisfied, that the cost of implementing the action plan will be contained within the existing budgets.

#### **Legal**

10. The Disabled People's Plan is underpinned by the Equality Act 2010, which harmonises and extends the law on disability discrimination and which replaces the Disability Discrimination Acts of 1995 and 2005. Therefore, the Plan will need to be kept under

review and may need to be adjusted in future to take account of these changes so that the Council is at all times fully compliant with its legal obligations.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Hillingdon Partners Sustainable Community Strategy 2008 – 2018

Older People's Plan 2008 – 2011

Hillingdon Disability Equality Scheme

Hillingdon Single Equality Scheme

Disabled Children's Strategy

Disabled People's Plan 2009-2012