

DISABLED PEOPLE'S PLAN UPDATE

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

HEADLINE INFORMATION

Purpose of report	To provide Cabinet with a performance update on the Disabled People's Plan action plan for 2011-12 up to the end of Quarter 2.
Contribution to our plans and strategies	The Plan contributes to the delivery of the aims of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Council's Single Equality Scheme• Disabled Children Strategy• Joint Carers' Strategy (2008 – 2018)• 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.
Financial Cost	Costs attributed to this plan are accounted for in individual service budgets
Relevant Policy Overview Committee	Social Services, Health & Housing
Ward(s) affected	All

RECOMMENDATION

That Cabinet notes the progress made on the delivery of the 2011/12 Disabled People's Plan to date.

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.

Alternative options considered / risk management

2. None considered.

Comments of Policy Overview Committee(s)

3. None at this stage.

Supporting Information

4. The position at the end of quarter 2 is set out in Appendix 1. Some highlights of the plan so far this year include:

Improving Health, Housing and Social Care

- **Promote the take up of personalised budgets** - Self-Directed Support is on track to be extended across adult social care from October 2011 which will offer greater choice and control over the support arrangements for adults with a disability and older people. Training is being organised for all staff. Phased implementation of the pre-paid card is to commence in October 2011.
- **Increase the independence and safety for people with disabilities** – 86 properties (to 24 August 2011) have been provided with adaptations to enable users with disabilities to have greater independence within their home.
- **Provide less restrictive models of housing and support** - Six service users from Charles Curran House have accepted flats at Cottessmore Extra Care Service and will be moving in November 2011. A further 6 people currently living in residential in-house services are viewing supported housing options.

Keeping Children and Young People, Healthy, Safe and Supported

- **Improving services on offer to younger people in sports facilities** – A number of programmes have been developed and delivered to provide people with disabilities an opportunity to be involved in sporting activities, including Boccia (a form of bowls for people with a physical disability), table tennis, badminton, new age kurling and basketball. The Council is now also providing allocated supervision time in a section of the pool, for people with physical disability, and Yoga for Mental Health disability.
- **Extend community based sports development programmes offering new activities** – Gymnastics, swimming lessons and football for disabled children is being delivered at Botwell Green Sports and Leisure Centre to engage children.

At Queensmead sports centre a multi-sport club has been developed for disabled children, ensuring children with a disability have the chance to participate in activities like trampolining, table tennis, badminton and basket ball amongst other sports.

The Panathlon challenge is due to commence on the 12th December 2011 and will run through to March 2012 for disabled children.

We are working with Queens Park Rangers to start tiger cubs football at Hillingdon Sport and Leisure complex which is aimed at children and young adults with downs syndrome.

Making Hillingdon Safer

- **Enforcement of legislation to ensure Equalities Act compliance to prevent traders from creating obstructions in public areas** - All reports of advertising boards causing an obstruction on the pavement have been followed up by Anti-Social Behaviour Investigation Officers. In all cases the shop keepers are required to move the advertising boards to a position where they do not cause an obstruction. There have been no prosecutions as there has been full compliance.

A Thriving Economy

- **Provide briefings and information to support disabled people with the transition to the new benefits system** - To raise awareness and understanding about the changes in the benefits system and how this may affect people, it is proposed to hold a briefing and discussion with the Assembly for People with Disabilities before the end of March 2012.

Opportunities Open to All & A Prosperous Borough

- **Improve the educational standards of Children with disabilities.** An effective process for commissioning is now in place and has been formed with input from relevant services. Processes for planning the education and training for young people with a Learning Difficulty and Disability is now well established. Effective links have been formed with Connexions and Adult Social Care.
- There have been a number of key achievements from the 2-year Inclusion Strategy. These include:
 - the implementation of the Inclusion Development Plan in schools 'year of Autism' including the production of a training DVD
 - a parent participation forum and website which is now in place.

A disabled children's participation project was completed with 4 disabled young people trained as champions for their peers and are now on the Youth Council.

A Speech and Language screening tool has been introduced for all 5 year olds to identify needs earlier and consistently across the Borough.

Financial Implications

5. 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?

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

Consultation Carried Out or Required

7. Updates of the plan are discussed with the Steering Group for the Assembly for People with Disabilities and members of the Assembly, including the Equalities and Disabled People's Member Champion. Consultation will be carried out with service users and user groups to identify the difference that services are making.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Finance

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

Legal

9. 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
Hillingdon Disability Equality Scheme
Hillingdon Single Equality Scheme
Disabled Children's Strategy
Disabled People's Plan 2009-2012