

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.
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)• Health and Social Care Commissioning Strategies
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 note 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 has been 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 latest update of progress with delivering the 2011/12 actions in the Disabled People's Plan 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 has been extended across adult social care groups from 23rd January 2012. A training programme has been delivered to hundreds of staff and improvements are being made to IT systems to support personalisation. A new pilot of the prepaid card has commenced with an external provider to enable payments to be made to personal assistants.
- **Increase the independence and safety for people with disabilities** – 205 properties have been provided with adaptations to date to enable users with disabilities to have greater independence within their home.
- **Provide less restrictive models of housing and support** - Extra Care Housing Schemes are being provided with individual care packages being put in place to support independent living. The first tenants moved into Cottesmore House (47 units) on 21 November 2011. As of the 16th February 2012 a total of 34 tenants have moved into Cottesmore House.

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 curling 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 are 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.

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.

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, information has been shared with members of the Assembly for People with Disabilities.

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.

Financial Implications

5. The tasks contained in this action plan are being 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. 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