

OLDER PEOPLE'S PLAN - UPDATE 2008/09

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Cabinet Portfolio	Leader of the Council / Social Services, Health and Housing
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Papers with report	Appendix 1 - Older People's Action Plan 2008-2009

HEADLINE INFORMATION

Purpose of report	To provide a progress report on the implementation of the Action Plan from the Older People's Plan 2008-2011.
Contribution to our plans and strategies	The older people's plan assists the Council to deliver its plan 'Fast Forward to 2010' and with partners assists in delivering the Sustainable Community Strategy for Hillingdon. These in turn contribute to the Comprehensive Area Assessment for Hillingdon.
Financial Cost	The majority of proposals will be financed from within existing resources. However, some proposals may be financed via funding set aside under the "Leader's Initiative".
Relevant Policy Overview Committee	Social Services, Health and Housing
Ward(s) affected	All

RECOMMENDATION

That Cabinet notes the significant achievements of the Older People's Action Plan for 2008/09 as set out in Appendix 1.

INFORMATION

Reasons for recommendation

1. The development of the three-year older people's plan 2008-2011 endorses the commitment from the Council and its partners to the continued development and improvement of services designed to create a better quality of life for older people in Hillingdon. The plan supports the council in delivering its plan 'Fast Forward to 2010' and supports Hillingdon in delivering the Sustainable Community Strategy.

Alternative options considered

2. None considered

Comments of Policy Overview Committee(s)

3. None at this stage

Supporting Information

4. The Older People's Plan from 2008-2011 is the second three-year plan for older people in Hillingdon, and continues the work of the 2005-2008 plan. On 15 July 2008 Cabinet approved the three-year plan for older people 2008-2011 and agreed the action plan for 2008/09. The three year plan was developed in consultation with older people and a wide range of partners including the Hillingdon Primary Care Trust, Hillingdon Hospital, the voluntary sector, Police, Ambulance Service and Fire Brigade. This collaborative approach has proved successful and will continue to further improve services for older people in the borough and promote active ageing in Hillingdon.
5. The Older Peoples Plan 2008-2011 is made up of eight themes which older people have said are important to them. The eight themes are:
 - Safety and security
 - Preventative care
 - Keeping independent and healthy
 - Tackling age discrimination
 - Planning for retirement
 - Housing
 - Learning and sharing skills
 - Consulting and informing
6. The action plan is regularly monitored and updated and further work is underway to develop the involvement of the Older Peoples Assembly and the FORCE Group (the Older Peoples Assembly Steering Group) in monitoring the plan and developing actions for future years.
7. There have been a number of achievements to date. Some of the most notable achievements have included:
 - the provision of free burglar alarms to older people who are victims of crime – 171 alarms installed in 2008/09. 82% feel safer in their own homes after the alarm was installed.
 - strengthening the links between older people and the Safer Neighbourhood Teams.
 - the 'darker nights' campaign designed to help older people feel safer
 - improved partnership arrangements to safeguard adults from harm
 - improving take-up of allotments to encourage social inclusion, physical fitness and healthy eating
 - the development and improvement of information for older people, with a dedicated page for older people in every edition of the Council's publication for local residents (called 'Hillingdon People')
 - support for dining clubs to invest in new equipment and maintain delivery of vital community services
 - expanding the take up of the brown badge parking scheme for older people
 - progressing developments to increase the availability of sheltered housing for older people
 - achieving the target for 251 people to benefit from technology to assist them to live independently in their own homes

- During 2008/09, 1,586 Brown Badges for parking spaces for older people were issued giving a total of 3,391 Brown Badges since the scheme was introduced. On average 5 Brown Badge applications are received per working day.
8. A full progress update of the action plan is attached under appendix one. Work is currently underway with representatives of the Older Peoples Assembly in Hillingdon to finalise the Older Peoples Action Plan for 2009/10.

Financial Implications

9. The majority of proposals will be financed from within existing resources. However, some proposals may be financed via funding set aside under the “Leader’s Initiative”.

EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES

What will be the effect of the recommendation?

10. The 2008-2011 Older Peoples Plan was welcomed by older people as positively continuing to raise their value and profile and as an opportunity to improve the lives of older people in the community.

Consultation Carried Out or Required

11. Engagement with older people in 2009 to review the 2008-2011 plan will help to identify future priorities for development.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Finance

12. A corporate finance officer has reviewed the report and its financial implications, and is satisfied that these reflect the resource implications for the Council of the implementation of the Older People’s Plan. There are no additional financial implications arising from the recommendations of the report.

Legal

13. There are no specific legal implications arising from this report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

NIL