

DISABLED PEOPLE'S PLAN 2009-2012 UPDATE

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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 2010-11 up to the end of quarter 2.
Contribution to our plans and strategies	<p>The Plan contributes to the delivery of the aims of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the Council's Single Equality Scheme and the six priorities within the Sustainable Community Strategy 2008 -2018. These are: Improving Health and Wellbeing, Strong and Active Communities, Protecting and Enhancing the Environment, Making Hillingdon Safer, A Thriving Economy and Improving Aspiration through education and learning;• Disabled Children Strategy – common issues have arisen within consultation for this Plan and in developing the Disabled Children Strategy;• Joint Carers' Strategy (2008 – 2018) – the Disabled People's Plan supports the objectives of this strategy.• 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 and Housing
Ward(s) affected	All

RECOMMENDATION

That Cabinet notes the position on the delivery of the 2010/11 Disabled People's Plan up to the end of Quarter 2.

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 plan and the first action plan were agreed by Cabinet at its meeting in July 2009. The 2010/11 action plan was updated following consultation with disabled people. This action plan was approved by Cabinet at its meeting in July 2010 who requested that an update on the delivery of the 2010/11 action plan be presented to Cabinet in November 2010.

Alternative options considered / risk management

3. No alternative options were considered.

Comments of Policy Overview Committee(s)

4. The Adult Social Care, Health and Housing POC have not considered this report.

Supporting Information

5. The Q2 position is set out in Appendix 1. However Cabinet may wish to note the following developments during the first two quarters of 2010/11:

Priority One: Improving Health and Wellbeing

- **Funding for major adaptations-** There has been an increase in the allocation from Central Government for Disabled Facilities Grants (£1.623m), the second highest allocation in London and the 9th highest in the country. This, combined with the increased contribution from the council (£1.2m) has resulted in all cases on the waiting list being cleared. Essential home adaptations have been provided to over 230 Hillingdon residents in 2010/2011, improving safety and independence and as a result reducing associated support and health care costs.
- **Self directed Support-** 70 existing service users now have, or are in the process of accessing, an Individual Personalised Budget (IPB). This has given people choice and flexibility in how their needs are met. Examples of how Individual Personalised Budgets are offering choice are of a service user in receipt of an IPB and using this to increase her skills in forming relationships and accessing the local community, thus supporting her aim of entering employment. Another service user has considered how they can use their IPB to access driving lessons as an alternative to making use of Dial-a-Ride so that they can have greater flexibility in their transport arrangements.

Priority Two: Strong and Active Communities

- **Accessible leisure services-** Botwell Lane leisure centre was opened to the public on July 9th 2010 and is fully DDA compliant. As a result of this improved resource a number of groups for disabled people have been formed including multi-sports sessions for young disabled people (aged 8-19) and Get Active Stay Active sessions for disabled adults that are taking place on a weekly basis.

Priority Three: Protecting and Enhancing the Environment

- **Improvement works in town centres-** Disabled people have been involved in the consultation about improvements to town centres and phase 1 has now been

completed in Uxbridge, Yiewsley and West Drayton town centres. This has led to improved space for pedestrians using these centres and an increase in the number of seats available for people to use.

Priority Four: Making Hillingdon Safer

- **Tackling anti social behaviour-** The Community Safety Team have exceeded their target of resolving 70% of the Priority One Tasking cases that have been referred to them by removing the problem or by referring onto a more appropriate agency to resolve the problem. They are currently resolving 75% of these cases.

Priority Five: A Thriving Economy

- **Assisting first time buyers-** 31 applications have been received from disabled people who are first time buyers in the first 6 months of 2010/11 for assistance in buying their own property. Of these, 6 applications have been approved. The target for 2010/11 is 45 applications.

Priority Six: Improving Aspiration Through Education and Learning

- **Supporting Disabled People in employment-** there are currently 19 disabled people enrolled on the Work in Supported Employment (WISE) Programme. This is giving disabled people an opportunity to develop employment related skills and also provides other opportunities for social interaction and relationship building.

6. Of the 66 tasks in the 2010/11 action plan, 8 have been completed and a further 52 are on track to be completed by the end of March 2011. There is some slippage with achieving 4 of the tasks in the plan. The reasons and revised time scale for these are given below:

Council Plan Priority	Objective	Task	Comment
A borough with improved health, housing and social care.	Develop Supported housing models as an alternative to residential care for disabled people	(ii) - Invite tenders from RSLs for the purchase of 6 Church Road and 5 Hornbeam Road and the development of the schemes subject to grant availability.	Planning consent was required before proceeding with tenders. This has now been obtained and tenders are being invited in November 2010.
A borough with improved health, housing and social care.	Improve waiting times for key therapy times for children	Review/refresh service specification for speech and language therapy	Changes in the NHS have led to a reprioritisation by the PCT and they will no longer be undertaking this review.
A clean and attractive borough	Promote parks activities to encourage take up and healthy activities for children, young people, disabled	Implement the Playbuilder schemes in 22 parks	Cancellation of government funding means that 11 schemes are on hold. 11 schemes have been completed.

	and older residents		
A borough where children and young people are healthy, safe and supported, A borough where opportunities are open to all, A prosperous borough	Improve the educational standards of Children with disabilities and additional needs	Implement Inclusion Strategy Year 1	The National Inclusion Strategy ends in 2011. There is a risk that some targets within the strategy may be revised, or no longer be applicable.

7. The outcomes arising from this plan are improved information and awareness about the needs and aspirations of disabled people. This will lead to greater choice through improved accessibility and greater independence for disabled people.
8. With the abolition of the Place survey and changes in the way that the residents' survey is carried out council services will need to find ways of measuring outcomes within their existing resources.
9. The Disabled People's Assembly has provided an opportunity for consultation and to receive feedback. However, services need to establish additional methods for collecting feedback, including seeking the views of hard to reach communities.
10. In light of these changes and resource constraints the 2011/12 action plan will need to focus on objectives that can demonstrate specific outcomes for disabled people.

Financial Implications

11. 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?

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

Consultation Carried Out or Required

13. The Disabled People's Plan is taken 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

14. 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

15. The Disabled People's Plan is underpinned by the Disability Discrimination Act 1995. It should be noted that a number of changes have been made to the law on disability discrimination by the new Equality Act. These changes will be phased in over a period of time and will therefore come in to force on a gradual basis. Therefore, the Plan 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.

16. Corporate Landlord

17. Service groups have responded as follows:

- Deputy Chief Executive's Office – reflected in the body of the report and action plan.
- Planning, Environment and Community Services – reflected in the body of the report and action plan.
- Education and Children's Services – reflected in the body of the report and action plan

18. Comments from NHS Hillingdon and Hillingdon Community Health Services are reflected in the report and in the plan and action plan.

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