

**STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROFORMA**

Cabinet Meeting .....20th December 2007

1. Title of Item/Report

Strategy for Older People

2. Record of the Decision

Cabinet considered a report relating to the development of a strategy for older people.

It was explained that the strategy covered the period from 2007 to 2025, to ensure that longer term changes affecting the population of Stockton and its older people in particular were taken into account by those designing and providing services. It was an important document as it set out how the Council wanted to make Stockton one of the best places in the country to live as an older person.

Members noted that the Older People Strategy had focused on 4 key areas of priority:

- Older people would be at the heart of community leadership and community development
- Older people would be an important part of local, welcoming communities that provide a safe, positive environment for people of all ages
- Older people would have real choice about the services they use, and control over how they use them, and services will be accessible equitably by all
- Older people would have opportunities, all the time, to improve their personal well-being.

These issues had been identified from extensive consultation with a range of stakeholders and service users as well as the distillation of national and local work from a range of sources.

As part of the strategy development there had been an opportunity to review the current and future population issues and consider how this would impact upon how services would be delivered. This work had been structured around the Audit Commission's seven dimensions of independence which include:

- Housing and the home,

- Neighbourhoods,
- Social Activities, social networks and keeping busy,
- Getting out and about,
- Income,
- Information, and
- Health and healthy living

Within the Strategy a three year action plan had been developed that would enable Stockton to address the priority areas outlined.

RESOLVED that the Older People Strategy be approved.

3. Reasons for the Decision

The Council needs to be in a strong position to respond to the changing demographics and to address the service planning impact. This strategy provides an assessment of the issues that need to be considered for the council and its partners.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None

6. Details of any Dispensations

Not Applicable

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

By no later than midnight on Thursday 3rd January 2008

Proper Officer  
21 December 2007