

AGENDA ITEM

REPORT TO CABINET

20 DECEMBER 2007

**REPORT OF CORPORATE
MANAGEMENT TEAM**

CABINET DECISION

Adult Services and Health - Lead Cabinet Member – Councillor Ann McCoy

STRATEGY FOR OLDER PEOPLE

1. Summary

Stockton Borough Council has developed a strategy for older people. The strategy covers the period from 2007 to 2025, to ensure that longer term changes affecting the population of Stockton and its older people in particular are taken into account by those designing and providing services. It is an important document as it sets out how we want to make Stockton one of the best places in the country to live as an older person.

It has focused on 4 key areas of priority:

- Older people will be at the heart of community leadership and community development
- Older people will be an important part of local, welcoming communities that provide a safe, positive environment for people of all ages
- Older people will 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 will have opportunities, all the time, to improve their personal well-being

Within the document a three year action plan has been developed that will enable Stockton to address the priority areas outlined in the Strategy.

2. Recommendations

1. To note and approve the Older People Strategy

3. Reasons for the Recommendations/Decision(s)

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. Members' Interests

Members (including co-opted Members with voting rights) should consider whether they have a personal interest in the item as defined in the Council's code of conduct (**paragraph 8**) and, if so, declare the existence and nature of that interest in accordance with paragraph 9 of the code.

Where a Member regards him/herself as having a personal interest in the item, he/she must then consider whether that interest is one which a member of the public, with

knowledge of the relevant facts, would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the Member's judgement of the public interest (**paragraphs 10 and 11 of the code of conduct**).

A Member with a prejudicial interest in any matter must withdraw from the room where the meeting considering the business is being held -

- in a case where the Member is attending a meeting (including a meeting of a select committee) but only for the purpose of making representations, answering questions or giving evidence, provided the public are also allowed to attend the meeting for the same purpose whether under statutory right or otherwise, immediately after making representations, answering questions or giving evidence as the case may be;
- in any other case, whenever it becomes apparent that the business is being considered at the meeting;

and must not exercise executive functions in relation to the matter and not seek improperly to influence the decision about the matter (**paragraph 12 of the Code**).

Further to the above, it should be noted that any Member attending a meeting of Cabinet, Select Committee etc; whether or not they are a Member of the Cabinet or Select Committee concerned, must declare any personal interest which they have in the business being considered at the meeting (unless the interest arises solely from the Member's membership of, or position of control or management on any other body to which the Member was appointed or nominated by the Council, or on any other body exercising functions of a public nature, when the interest only needs to be declared if and when the Member speaks on the matter), and if their interest is prejudicial, they must also leave the meeting room, subject to and in accordance with the provisions referred to above.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To note and approve the Older People Strategy as attached in Appendix 1

DETAIL

1. The Older People Strategy has focused on 4 key areas of priority:
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2. These issues have 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.
3. As part of the strategy development there has been an opportunity to review the current and future population issues and consider how this will impact upon how services will be delivered. This work has 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

4. Within the document a three year action plan has been developed that will enable Stockton to address the priority areas outlined in the Strategy.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The strategy does not identify any specific financial implications. However, as part of the action planning process there are a number of specific milestones that have been outlined, and these have been considered within the medium term financial plan.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS N/A

RISK ASSESSMENT N/A

COMMUNITY STRATEGY IMPLICATIONS

The Strategy for Older People impacts across all of the policy platform areas as it is a cross cutting document. It highlights the requirements and contributions for service planning across all of the themes. As part of the action plan the community strategy themes are specifically identified.

EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT

An equalities impact assessment has been undertaken and is available via <http://sbcintranet/diversity/116153/>

CONSULTATION INCLUDING WARD/COUNCILLORS

Extensive consultation with a range of stakeholders and service users has taken place. This has included the *Are you being served event?*, questionnaires with service users, area partnership boards, focus groups and meetings.

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Background Papers

N/A

Ward(s) and Ward Councillors:

N/A

Property

N/A