

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting23rd January 2020

1. Title of Item/Report

Crime and Disorder Select Committee - Scrutiny Review of Protection of Vulnerable Older Residents Living at Home

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report that presented the outcomes of the Crime & Disorder Select Committee's review of Protection of Vulnerable Older Residents Living at Home.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) and Cleveland Police provide assurance around the measures put in place to address the failings highlighted in the Force's recent HMICFRS PEEL assessment around identifying vulnerable victims and providing adequate safeguarding.
2. Thirteen extend its older people support service to tenants in the Borough's dispersed bungalows on a needs basis (in line with neighbouring Local Authorities).
3. Thirteen provide assurance around the provision and installation of robust locks that give its tenants adequate security in their own homes, and for any learning on the provision of locks to be cascaded to other local Registered Providers / private landlords.
4. Thirteen provide further assurance around the mechanisms in place to monitor if the number of calls / visits to those tenants requiring support were being conducted.
5. Thirteen liaise with Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (SBC) Adult Social Care around the identification and provision of recognition equipment for vulnerable tenants.
6. Thirteen consider specific training on dealing with older vulnerable people for its Neighbourhood Co-ordinators, in addition to more in-depth anti-social behaviour training.

7. Catalyst collate a list of local befriending initiatives offered by the VCSE sector and partner organisations (including SBC OneCall, Thirteen and Cleveland Fire Brigade), for circulation to vulnerable older people living at home (which can also be advertised via Stockton Information Directory).

8. OPCC and Cleveland Police consider and strengthen their partnership working with Age UK Teesside.

9. SBC consider ways in which its current community transport can be used to facilitate access for older people to community-based activities / groups.

10. Catalyst undertake an audit of VCSE organisations to establish transport capacity which may support greater accessibility for older people.

11. SBC and Catalyst produce an easy-read document listing the main contacts for support / advice which can be circulated via Stockton News and by local VCSE organisations to older people living in their own homes across the Borough.

12. There is a continued push for greater buy-in of E-CINS to foster a joined-up approach across all organisations in identifying and sharing details of those older people who they consider to be 'vulnerable'.

3. Reasons for the Decision

This topic was included in the Scrutiny Work Programme for 2019-2020. The review is now complete and the recommendations have been endorsed by the Crime and Disorder Select Committee for submission to Cabinet.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Steve Nelson declared a pecuniary interest in respect of agenda item 8 - Scrutiny Review of Older Residents Living at Home as he was a Director of Thirteen Group. Councillor Steve Nelson withdrew from the meeting and left the room during consideration of the item.

6. Details of any Dispensations

Not Applicable

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

Midnight 31 January 2020.

Proper Officer
27 January 2020