Select Committee

Review Title: Older People Strategy

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1. Which of our strategic corporate objectives does this topic address?

Healthier Communities & Adults:-

-Enable service users to make more informed choices about, and exercise greater control over, the services they receive;
-Reduce inequalities through improved access to housing, training and employment support and learning opportunities;
-Support measures to improve the health and wellbeing of adults and older people;
-Develop the Partnership arrangements to support implementation of the Adults Vision and the Health and Wellbeing requirements of the White Paper 'Strong and Prosperous Communities'.

2. What are the main issues?

-To consider endorsement of the 'direction of travel' of the Council's Older People Strategy;
-To monitor the performance of service groups/partners/stakeholders contributing to the Action Plan for the Strategy;
-To seek assurances that the aims and objectives of the strategy are embedded within all departments Service Planning processes;
-To ensure that all relevant public and private partners are contributing to the key activity areas identified within the Older People Strategy Action Plan;
-To review whether the predicted demographic change has been considered within all areas of service planning;
-To consider whether the Strategy fulfils the corporate expectation in terms of Equality Impact Assessment and is able to reach out to diverse and hard to reach groups.
- To consider the role of 3rd sector partners in delivery of the OP strategy

3. The Thematic Select Committee's overall aim/ objectives in doing this work is:

To review ways in which all services should contribute to the Older People Strategy with a view to ensuring that planning for the changing needs of an ageing population are embedded within mainstream services.

4. The possible outputs/outcomes are:

-Improved coordination and monitoring of the Older People Strategy to ensure it is integrated within service planning and delivery;

-Recommendations to partners/stakeholders regarding how the profile of the Strategy can be maintained;
-Recommendations regarding potential new additional work streams that can be taken on board over and above those identified within the Older People Strategy Action Plan.
-Recommend any new initiatives which could add value to the OP strategy.

5. What specific value can scrutiny add to this topic?

Detailed consideration of progress made against the aims and objectives of the Older People Strategy Action Plan; bringing together all partners/stakeholders responsible for delivering its key actions.

6. Who will the panel be trying to influence as part of their work?

Relevant public & private partners including Renaissance Board; relevant Thematic Partnerships; Service Groups; Voluntary Sector.

7. Duration of enquiry?

6 months (to be reviewed after 3 months)

8. What category does the review fall into?

Policy Review ✓   **Policy Development** ✓

External Partnership ✓   **Performance Management** ✓

Holding Executive to Account

9. Extra Resources needed? Would the investigation benefit from the co-option of an "expert" witness?

N/A

10. What information do we need?

Secondary Information (background information, existing reports, legislation, central government documents, etc.)	**Primary/new evidence/information**
-Older People Strategy & documents made reference to within the strategy	
-Action Plan Performance Updates	
-'Lifetime Homes, Lifetime Neighbourhoods-Communities & Local Government	
-Outcome Focused Services for Older People-Social Care Institute for Excellence	
-CPA Feedback re Older People Strategy	
-Performance Management Information;	

including older people in employment statistics; complaints data re older people services/issues; Viewpoint/Audit information.

Who can provide us with further relevant evidence? (Cabinet Member/portfolio holder, officer, service user, general public, expert witness, etc.)	What specific areas do we want them to cover when they give evidence?
-Ruth Hill, Head of Adult Strategy	Key components of the Older People Strategy, identifying responsible partners/stakeholders
-Elizabeth Shassere, Health & Wellbeing Partnership	Evidence of progress made against the key activity areas contained within the Older People Strategy Action Plan
-Julie Allport, Housing & Neighbourhood Partnership	Evidence of progress made against the key activity areas contained within the Older People Strategy Action Plan
-Mark Rowell, Economic Regeneration & Transport Partnership	Evidence of progress made against the key activity areas contained within the Older People Strategy Action Plan
-Mike Batty, Safer Stockton Partnership	Evidence of progress made against the key activity areas contained within the Older People Strategy Action Plan
-Over 50's Assembly	To discuss feedback to the overall aims of the Strategy and whether the intended direction of travel is accurate
-Help The Aged/Age Concern	To discuss feedback to the overall aims of the Strategy and whether the intended direction of travel is accurate
-Reuben Kench, Head of Culture	Evidence of activities/usage of services and facilities by older people
-Tees Active	Evidence of activities/usage of services and facilities by older people
-Kirsty McNally, Equality & Diversity, PPC	Evidence of progress made against the key activity areas contained within the Older People Strategy Action Plan

11. What processes can we use to feed into the review? (site visits/observations, face-to-face questioning, telephones survey, written questionnaire, etc.)

Meetings with relevant partners/stakeholders; visit to Extra Care Scheme.

12. In what ways can we involve the public and at what stages? (consider whole range of consultative mechanisms, local committees and local ward mechanisms)

Awareness campaign regarding the aims of the Strategy; and what work/actions have been undertaken/planned in support of it.

13. Diversity – How will we address the six strands of diversity (age, disability, faith and belief, gender, race, and sexual orientation) in order to uphold the Council's Single Equality Scheme?

To monitor the EIA actions within the strategy.

Project Plan

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KEY TASK	DETAILS/ACTIVITIES	DATE	RESPONSIBILITY
Scoping of Review	Information gathering	14th April 2008	Scrutiny Officer Link Officer
Tri-Partite Meeting	Meeting to discuss aims and objectives of review	21st April 2008	Select Committee Chair and Vice Chair, Cabinet Member(s), Corporate Director(s), Scrutiny Officer, Link Officer
Agree Project Plan	Scope and Project Plan agreed by Committee	22nd April 2008	Select Committee
Publicity of Review	Press Briefing at start of review	Following agreement of scope and project plan	Chair, Link Officer, Press Officer Scrutiny Officer

Obtaining Evidence	Presentation by Ruth Hill (to inform scope) on the key elements of the Older People Strategy	22nd April 2008	Select Committee
	*Presentation by Ruth Hill re Quarter 1 feedback from Thematic Partnerships on Older People Strategy Action Plan activities	21st May 2008	
	(* Feedback obtained will indicate extent of further evidence required from the following representatives/groups, with some contributions possibly grouped together in one meeting/not required; as applicable):-		
	Presentation by Mike Batty, Safer Stockton Partnership on performance against the Older People Strategy Action Plan	3rd June 2008	
	Presentation by Head of Culture- Evidence of activities/usage of services and facilities by older people	15th July 2008	
	Presentation by Tees Active- Evidence of activities/usage of services and facilities by older people (* This will be a joint meeting with both ALCS & CYP Select Cttees as part of their evidence gathering re Tees Active)	30th July 2008	
	Presentation by Julie Allport, Housing & Neighbourhood Partnership and Mark Rowell,	August 2008	

	Economic Regeneration Partnership on performance against the Older People Strategy Action Plan		
	Presentation by Elizabeth Shassere, Health & Wellbeing Partnership on performance against the Older People Strategy Action Plan	August 2008	
	Over 50's Assembly/Help The Aged/Age Concern	26th August 2008	
	Service Group Service Improvement Planning-Incorporating Older People Strategy	September 2008	
Members decide recommendations and findings	Review summary of findings and formulate draft recommendations	September 2008	Select Committee
Tri-Partite Meeting	Meeting to discuss finding of review and draft recommendations		Select Committee Chair and Vice Chair, Cabinet Member(s), Corporate Director(s), Scrutiny Officer, Link Officer
Circulate Draft Report to Stakeholders	Circulation of Report		Scrutiny Officer
Final Agreement of Report	Approval of final report by Committee	October	Select Committee, Cabinet Member, Corporate Director
Consideration of Report by Executive Scrutiny Committee	Consideration of report	28th October 2008	Executive Scrutiny Committee
Report to Cabinet/Approving Body	Presentation of final report with recommendations for approval to Cabinet	6th November 2008	Cabinet/ Approving Body