

DEVELOPMENT OF OLDER PEOPLE STRATEGY

1. SUMMARY

The Older People Strategy was agreed at the December 2007 Renaissance meeting. As part of the process for ongoing engagement, ownership and awareness raising, it was agreed that Renaissance would review the work that had taken place during the year and consider the next steps.

2. RECOMMENDATION

Renaissance to note and agree the revised action plan for the Older People Strategy.

Renaissance to note and agree the next steps in the development of plans within Stockton that reflect the needs of our older population.

3. BACKGROUND

The development of an Older People's Strategy in December 2007 reflected the fact that services need to adapt to the significant changes in demography with a rising older people population. It was noted that this change would impact across the whole range of services, with implications for all partner organisations.

The Older People Strategy was underpinned by a 3 year action plan. The action plan has been updated on a regular basis and the updated document is attached.

The Strategy is currently under review by Scrutiny and it is anticipated that the Select Committee will be reviewing the evidence it has gathered throughout the review and formulating recommendations in January 2009 with a view to reporting to Cabinet in March 2009.

The action plan will be refreshed in January 2009 with revised objectives that reflect any new national policy or local issues. A stakeholder day is planned that will support this process and representatives will be welcomed from the Renaissance community to support the development of this new action plan.

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