

**ADULT SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL
17 JANUARY 2012**

**BRACKNELL FOREST OLDER PEOPLE'S PARTNERSHIP UPDATE
Chairman of the Bracknell Forest Older People's Partnership**

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report provides the Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Panel with a progress update in respect of the new Bracknell Forest Older People's Partnership.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Panel note the progress achieved to date by the new Bracknell Forest Older People's Partnership.**

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 3.1 To update the Panel on progress achieved to date by the new Bracknell Forest Older People's Partnership.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 None.

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 5.1 Following a review of the needs of our older community through the multi agency Older Peoples Strategy Steering Group, the 'Adding Life to Years' strategy was completed in August 2009.
- 5.2 In December 2009 the Bracknell Forest Partnership Board approved the establishment of the Older Peoples Partnership, recognising that the interests of older people could be best achieved by focusing on the wide issues impacting on older people.
- 5.3 The Older Peoples Partnership oversees the actions needed within the 'Adding Life to Years' strategy and acts as a cross agency reference point. Terms of Reference were agreed in October 2010.
- 5.4 Key areas of work include supporting the implementation of the Older Person Accommodation and Support Services Strategy, and developing the action plan within the Bracknell Forest Economic and Skills Partnership supporting older people.
- 5.5 The Partnership has also received reports on modernising older peoples services, the proposed Single Equality Scheme and health issues.

5.6 The majority of actions contained within the 'Adding Life to Years' strategy have now either been completed or superseded, therefore work is currently underway through a sub group of the Partnership to steer and develop the refresh and bring it into line with new and proposed legislation.

5.7 The Partnership is organising the biannual Voice of Experience Conference event on 30 March which will be used as one of the tools for the refresh of the strategy.

6 ADVISE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS / EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT / STRATEGIC RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES / CONSULTATION

6.1 Not applicable.

Background Papers

None.

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