

**TO: OLDER PEOPLE'S PARTNERSHIP BOARD
11 SEPTEMBER 2013**

**OLDER PEOPLE'S STRATEGY – ACTION PLAN
Chairman of Board**

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To present the action plan developed by the Task and Finish Group (Appendix A).

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the Board notes the content of the report and approves the action plan recommendations.**

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The action plan is the result of a comprehensive examination of existing activity in the Borough. This has established 31 actions which are specific, measurable, acceptable to the Board, relevant to the strategic outcomes and achievable within the 2013-2016 timeframe.
- 3.2 The mix of actions has been determined to be deliverable, and able to achieve as much as possible for as many older people as possible over the lifespan of the strategy, within the resources and capacities available to the Board and its constituent members.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 None.

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 5.1 A draft action plan was presented to the Board on 5 June 2013. The analysis of the strategy and equalities screening record gave rise to an ambitious number of possible actions - 57 in total - grouped under the 9 strategic priorities. The Board considered this number too great and too broad for partners to achieve within capacity and the lifespan of the Strategy.
- 5.2 The Board agreed to establish a Task and Finish Group that would deliver a rationalised action plan with a smaller, feasible number of actions under each priority and which would balance and respect the priorities, ambitions and competencies of the constituent members of the Board.
- 5.3 The group sat twice, on 23 July and 20 August. The group undertook a process to assess the draft action plan for:
- a. **Duplication** – actions which were relevant to the outcomes of the Older People's Strategy but which were already being delivered through other mechanisms so that these could be removed to free up capacity and resources for other actions.

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These are highlighted in the action plan under the headings “What the Board has observed”.

- b. **Synergy** – actions being delivered separately but with the same or similar outcomes that could be joined up or aligned to better use existing resources.
- c. **Gaps** – areas where specific or additional action is needed to deliver better outcomes.

Synergies and Gaps are highlighted in the action plan under the headings “Where the Board sees Gaps” with references to correction action in the action plan.

- 5.4 The group has determined concerted, joined up action is needed in three wider areas and the group recommends to the Board the establishment of three Task and Finish Groups (and nominations for lead and membership) to promote:
 - i) Assistive Technology and Housing Adaptation (action 4.1)
 - ii) Planning for later life (action 4.4)
 - iii) Direct and indirect access to the internet and online information (priority 5)
- 5.5 The group has identified a number of outcomes and outputs along with measures. Whilst the group sought to identify leads and timescales, it felt that discussion should be had at Board to ensure ownership of the action plan by the wider membership. A summary Forward Plan is also included in the body of the action plan for the Board to populate.

Background Papers

Appendix A – Action Plan v.2.3.1

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