

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Report of Corporate Director for Corporate Services
to

Chairmen's Scrutiny Forum

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Agenda
Item No.

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Review and learning from previous scrutiny project – Independence and wellbeing of older people A Part 1 Agenda Item

1. Purpose of Report

As requested at the meeting held in February 2013, for the Forum to review the previous in depth scrutiny project – 'To consider how well placed Southend is in relation to the Independence and wellbeing of older people'. The report had the strap line 'our own future selves'.

2. Recommendation

2.1 That the report be noted.

3. Background

3.1 This in depth project was undertaken by the former Community Services Scrutiny Committee in 2006 / 07. The agreed objectives and outcomes were:

- To consider the factors which contribute to the sense of independence and well-being of older people, in terms of the seven outcomes referred to in 'our health, our care, our say';
- To inform the Commissioning Strategy for services for older people for the next ten years;
- To develop outcome indicators.

3.2 The project received support from Centre for Public Scrutiny and focussed on the factors which contribute to the sense of independence and well-being of older people – in order to inform the development of the older people's strategy and contribute to the development of outcome indicators. A copy of the report is attached at **Appendix 1**.

3.3 The then Chairman of the Committee, Julie Cushion, presented the findings and recommendations from the study to Cabinet members on 20th June 2007 and also to the PCT Board on 5th July 2007. Cabinet & Board members also agreed the older peoples' strategy, which was prepared with major inputs from both survey findings and the Scrutiny witness statements provided by key providers and stakeholders.

3.4 The key findings, implications and related issues and possible actions were divided into 4 main areas - information & social environment; health and social care services; economic life and income; and involving older people, to inform the Older people's

Strategy . It was also agreed that the Strategy would be reviewed by Members and was reviewed by the former Community Services Scrutiny Committee in October 2008, November 2009 and December 2010.

- 3.5 At the Scrutiny Committee meeting in December 2010 the Committee agreed that in view of progress it was no longer relevant to continue to receive updates on the previous in depth project.
- 3.6 The project received national recognition at the Centre for Public Scrutiny 'Good Scrutiny Awards 2008' and a media release is attached at **Appendix 2.**

4. Update

- 4.1 At the last meeting of the Chairmen's Scrutiny Forum, Members discussed whether the Forum should undertake a review of a previous in depth project. It was agreed that an update on the recommendations from this requested that an update on this project be considered at its next meeting.
- 4.2 The Forum in particular asked for an update on adaptations and how older people are supported to remain independent i.e. equipment and the telecare service.
- 4.3 A report on the adaptations team activity in 2012 / 13 has been prepared and is attached at **Appendix 3.** An update on the telecare service is attached at **Appendix 4.**

5. Corporate Implications

- 5.1 Contribution to Council's Vision and Critical Priorities – Becoming an excellent and high performing organisation.
- 5.2 Financial Implications - none.
- 5.3 Legal Implications – none.
- 5.4 People Implications – none.
- 5.5 Property Implications – none.
- 5.6 Consultation – as described in report.
- 5.7 Equalities Impact Assessment – none.
- 5.8 Risk Assessment – none.

6. Background Papers –

- Review of older people strategy – review of progress on priorities and action points in Delivery Plan – Report to Community Services Scrutiny Committee on 14th October 2008 (Minute 518 refers);
- Review of Older People Strategy - Southend-on-Sea Borough Council / NHS SEE - Report to Community Services Scrutiny Cttee on 14th November 2009 (Minute 599 refers)
- Older People Strategy 2007/10 – review of progress and action points in Delivery Plan – Report to Community Services Scrutiny cttee 6th December 2010 (Minute 611 refers)

7. Appendices

Appendix 1 – in depth scrutiny report
Appendix 2 – press release
Appendix 3 – information on adaptations
Appendix 4 – information on telecare