

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 20 NOVEMBER 2012

REPORT BY COUNCILLOR LINDA HAYSEY, EXECUTIVE MEMBER  
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EAST HERTS AGEING WELL – REVIEW OF PROGRESS

WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL

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**Purpose/Summary of Report**

- This is a progress report on the recommendations made by the Community Scrutiny Committee Meeting of 28 February 2012 on the East Herts Ageing Well agenda and the subsequent meeting on 28 August 2012.

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMMUNITY SCRUTINY that:**

<b>(A)</b>	<b>the Committee notes and supports the progress being made by the Members and Officers against the three recommendations made at the Community Scrutiny meeting on 28 February 2012 and a further recommendation from the subsequent meeting on 28 August 2012</b>

1.0 Background

1.1 On 28 February 2012, as part of the committee's initial discussion on Ageing Well, Community Scrutiny Committee resolved that:

- (A) Corporate Management Team and Senior Officers be asked to look at best practice around the Ageing Well agenda and to report back to Community Scrutiny Committee on 28 August 2012 on what action the Council might take and the financial implications of such action;
- (B) An informal Member Group of six be established to look at Members' role within respective wards; and

(C) The Council continue to work with its partners to establish where it can be of mutual help to one another.

1.2 At the Community Scrutiny meeting on 28 August 2012 a report was presented to Members updating them on one of the three original recommendations (recommendation B) resolved by the Committee on 28 February meeting. The other two recommendations (A and C) were, at the time, still work in progress.

## 2.0 Report

2.1 This report updates Members on recommendations A and C as resolved by the Community Scrutiny meeting on 28 February 2012.

## 2.2 Recommendation (A)

2.3 Through the existing Corporate Equalities Group, officers from all service departments are progressing the Ageing Well agenda in the following ways:

- i. It has been agreed that the current Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) process should form the basis for developing the Ageing Well agenda and to support this the EIA template has been adjusted to highlight the work undertaken/ issues related to the Ageing Well agenda as **Essential Reference Paper “B”**.
- ii. All services will be carrying out EIA's in accordance with corporate process, to ensure council policies and services are accessible to an ageing population. If gaps in policies and services are identified through this process, officers will undertake targeted consultation with older people on those specific policies and services. This will be reported to Community Scrutiny at a later date.

2.4 It is noted that any proposal for new initiatives will need to be addressed through the usual service improvement processes and the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) planning process.

## 2.5 Recommendation (C)

2.6 The Ageing Well agenda clearly sits within the context of the East Herts Local Strategic Partnership's (LSP) Sustainable Community

Strategy (2009-2024) and the Health and Well Being delivery theme group.

- 2.7 Cllr. Linda Haysey presented the Ageing Well report to the LSP Board on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2012. All partners are supportive of the initiative and have indicated a willingness to take the agenda on board within their own organisation. Cllr. Haysey is now exploring partnerships working to address the gaps in current provision through intergenerational work and a Time Banking initiative.
- 2.8 In additions to the above, a report is scheduled to be presented to the Executive on 6 November 2012 as resolved by the last Community Scrutiny meeting on 28 August 2012.
- 3.0 Implications/Consultations
- 3.1 Information on any corporate issues and consultation associated with this report can be found within **Essential Reference Paper 'A'**.

Background Papers:

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