

WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

COMMUNITY WELLBEING OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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Title:

AGEING WELL ACTION PLAN UPDATE

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[Wards Affected: All]

Summary and purpose:

The purpose of this report is to update Members on the delivery of the Council's Ageing Well Strategy and accompanying Action Plan 2015-2020. The Committee is invited to nominate members to join a workshop as part of the consultation process to revise and update the Action Plan for the next 5 years.

How this report relates to the Council's Corporate Priorities:

The Council's Ageing Well Strategy and Action Plan relates to all of the Council's Corporate Priorities in order to support the needs of Waverley's older population.

Equality and Diversity Implications:

The Strategy and Action Plan prioritises services/projects that enable some of the most vulnerable, older members of the community to maintain their dignity and respect, and that they have opportunities to remain engaged and feel valued.

Financial Implications:

There are no resource implications in this update report. Some of the projects and services delivered as part of the Action Plan have been funded through Council budgets that would have been agreed and allocated through normal processes.

Legal Implications:

There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

Background

1. The Council adopted its Ageing Well Strategy and Action Plan in November 2015. The Action Plan formed a key source document for the continuation and development of services and activities that support older people living in the borough. The Strategy and Action Plan was informed by latest data and consultations with stakeholders including Health, Surrey County Council, Voluntary Community and Faith Sector organisations, officers from various service areas, Members and residents.
2. A range of data was reviewed from various sources to support the development of the Strategy such as the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, 2011 Census, Surrey-i and the Council's own information. In particular data highlighted that Waverley had the largest older population in Surrey that is set to grow even further, the Dementia challenge, the

proportion of older people living on their own, poor connectivity in the borough and pockets of social isolation.

3. It became clear that three key themes were emerging that could be categorised:- community, home and support.
4. Within those three themes, the Action Plan identified specific services/projects for delivery over the next five years accessing existing budgets, with no additional funding available. The Action Plan included new areas of work as well as the continuation of existing services/projects. In particular, it embraced the need to work with partner organisations including the Clinical Commissioning Groups, Adult Social Care, Age UK Surrey, Voluntary Action South West Surrey and other local organisations.
5. A copy of the Action Plan is provided at Annexe 1 which shows the action taken to deliver the identified projects to date.

Refreshing the Action Plan

6. Whilst the current Action Plan is active until 2020, with the changing landscape officers feel it is time to refresh the document, review priorities and agree revised outcomes.
7. Since writing the current Action Plan the following key developments have emerged:
 - (i) A number of projects were identified for delivery through the Personalisation Prevention and Partnerships Fund (PPPF). All Surrey boroughs and districts were allocated PPPF money by Surrey County Council from the Better Care Fund to develop and deliver local projects over a four year period. The final year of funding was withdrawn by Surrey County Council affecting the delivery of some projects.
 - (ii) The delivery of many of the projects requires significant partnership working. Outcomes are therefore dependent on the involvement and joint-working with external organisations whose own priorities have shifted over the past 3.5 years : That overall change in direction includes a move towards prioritising joint working between organisations, exploring different ways of working and increasing work around prevention and reducing more costly interventions.
 - (iii) The formation of the new Integrated Care Systems working together to meet the needs of the local population. This has particularly changed the focus for Guildford and Waverley Clinical Commissioning Group recently with the formation of the new Integrated Care Partnership, and Waverley is a core partner within that system. The Farnham area is covered by the North East Hants and Farnham Clinical Commissioning Group which is part of the Frimley Health and Care Integrated Care System. The Council is working towards building partnerships within that system. Specific work streams have been identified and the Ageing Well Action Plan needs to reflect and meet the emerging priorities so that the Council is part of the agenda and seizes opportunities to work with health and social care partners.
 - (iv) Publication of the NHS Long-Term Plan in January 2019.
 - (v) Surrey's Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2020-2030.

- (vi) Formation of the two new Primary Care Networks in Waverley during 2019.
 - (vii) The knowledge through partnership work that loneliness and social isolation, falls prevention, support for older carers and transport are an increasing priority.
8. Officers will be consulting with partners, the public, Members and council service teams to refresh the Action Plan over the coming months. A final report setting out the new Action Plan will be presented in 2020 to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for comment and the Executive for approval, with adoption by Full Council.
9. This piece of work will focus on refreshing the Action Plan only as, in future, it will be a specific work stream within the council's overarching Health and Wellbeing Strategy, which is also being updated.

Conclusion

10. It is important that the Ageing Well Action Plan reflects the changing needs of the population and partner organisations, and much has happened since its adoption. New partnerships with health and social care colleagues have been built which reflects this change. As Waverley is a two tier authority it needs to be involved in those conversations and work streams to support the local population.
11. The services/projects within the Action Plan will highlight the importance of the Council's preventative role to support residents to remain independent and well at home for longer. The Council is mindful that whilst it does not provide care, its services contribute towards the wellbeing of residents.
12. As part of this process consultation has already taken place with the funded centres for older people. A workshop with partners is scheduled for the autumn. Consultation with residents will also take place. Members of this Committee are invited to attend a workshop so that they can input their local knowledge and expertise to the development of the refreshed Action Plan.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

1. notes the outcomes delivered in the existing Ageing Well Action Plan;
2. nominates members to attend a workshop with officers as part of the consultation process to refresh the Action Plan.

Background Papers

There are no background papers (as defined by Section 100D(5) of the Local Government Act 1972) relating to this report.

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