

TASK AND FINISH PANEL PLANNING FORM: Services for Older People and Disabled People

Term of Reference:

- (1) To look at the services for older people provided by the district council.
- (2) To look at the services for older people provided through the voluntary sector and in particular voluntary action Epping Forest.
- (3) Look at the criteria for these services.
- (4) Look at any charges made for these services
- (5) Identify any gaps
- (6) Consider issues in relation to transport.
- (7) Consider the implications of the Disability Equality Duty for the district council and the council's proposed response.

Aims and Objectives of Review:

1. To find out what services are provided by the district council, Voluntary Action Epping Forest and if there are any difficulties in accessing these services; if there are any gaps; and are they adequately funded and advertised.
2. To confirm if the council complies with the December 2006 section of the Disabled Discrimination Act that states that public bodies must anticipate problems and encourage the involvement of disabled people in public life.
3. To make any recommendations that identified the need for extra spending by 18 September 2006 in order to meet the deadline for the budget fixing round for next year
4. To find out about the specialist transport on offer, and about the Taxi Card System offered by other councils.
5. To investigate the use of bus passes and the relevance to the availability busses.
6. To Review the Council's Handyperson scheme
7. To co-opt Kay Ellis, Chairman of the Joint Management Team for Older Peoples Services, onto the panel

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Key Issues:

TIMESCALE	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL
Commencement		22 June 2006
Finish	December 2006	
Report	January 2007	