

# Services For Older People And Disabled Task And Finish Panel – Outstanding Actions

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<p>That the overview and Scrutiny Committee seek a commitment from the West Essex Primary Care Trust as to their continued support for the work of the Joint management Team for Services to Older People in the Epping Forest District.</p>	<p>Officers are following this issue up as part of the proposal to undertake joint scrutiny of the new PCT.</p>
<p>That the Essex County Council be invited to:</p> <p>Give a similar commitment to the work of the Joint Management Team.</p> <p>Explain how it assesses the needs of older people within the Epping Forest District; how its services meet those needs and its plans to address the issues identified in the Local Government Association report “Without a care”.</p>	<p>see below.</p>

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<p>That subject to satisfactory answers in relation to recommendation 1 and 2 above and the continuation of the Joint Management team who oversee services provided for older people, we would like to see the following options taken forward:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The development of a one-stop shop to provide advice on the services available for older people and how these services can be assessed. This could be, for example, through the Council's Careline Services.</li> <li>• The provision of an updated directory of services available for older people – this would be an essential part of the one-stop shop provision.</li> <li>• The holding of a further summit on Services for Older People in order to check on progress made and identify any new issues or concerns that need to be addressed.</li> <li>• Development of the Older People's Action Group (OPAG) in order to enable it to continue as an independent pressure group in relation to issues that affect Older People.</li> </ul>	<p>Position statement D Peglar:</p> <p>Due to restructures within the PCT and Essex County Council, there has been no representatives from Health and Adult Services at JMT meetings. Until this issue is resolved the JMT cannot move forward with new ventures which means that the "One Stop Shop" and the "Directory of Services for Older People" have been put on hold.</p> <p>We are trying to proceed with the Older Peoples Summit but on a smaller scale than those held in the past. The biggest problem for the Joint Management Team is funding.</p>
<p>That the Portfolio Holder for Community Wellbeing be asked to identify grant aid support to help develop OPAG as an independent and self financing organisation which supports and encourages the valuable contribution made by Older People to our society, encourages Older People to support each other and that the Council then makes use of that organisation as part of its ongoing consultation strategy.</p>	<p>Grant Aid of £5,000 agreed by portfolio Holder on 13 July 2007</p> <p>Cabinet has agreed that OPAG should be used by the Council as part of its ongoing consultation strategy (PMU to confirm)</p>

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<p>That the Portfolio Holder for Leisure Services be asked to investigate and report back on how Leisure Services can assist in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing an healthy living approach which helps meet the social needs of the growing number of older people;</li> <li>• Continue targeted projects such as that provided through the Arts Service “A Sense of Place”;</li> <li>• The continued provision of the seated exercise programme;</li> </ul>	<p>the response of the Leisure and Young People Portfolio Holder at Cabinet was:</p> <p>(a) The 50+ New Horizons initiative from Leisure Services provides a wide range of healthy living and social activities, which helps meets the needs of the growing number of older people;</p> <p>(b) Home Life is the latest targeted Elderly Person Arts project provided by Leisure Services;</p> <p>(c) The provision of the Seated Exercise programme should continue with the support of external funding;</p>
<p>That further DDF funding in the sum of £3000 be made available to the Handypersons’ Scheme in the Financial Year 2007/08 and that during the course of 2007/08 the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Performance Management identify a means by which the DDF grant can become part of the CSB so that the value of the money is maintained on an ongoing basis.</p>	<p>The DDF sum was agreed as part of the budget for 2007/08</p> <p>CSB budgetary issues remain outstanding to date.</p>
<p>That the availability of the Handypersons Scheme be advertised more widely through The Forester.</p>	<p>The Handyperson Service was advertised in the last but one edition of the Forester and will be advertised in this way annually</p>

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<p>That the changes to the Concessionary Fare Scheme proposed by Government be kept under review in order to monitor:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• any financial implications for the Council;</li> <li>• whether in the light of the changes proposed the separate scheme with Transport for London is still necessary.</li> </ul>	<p>Keep under review</p> <p>Bus passes</p> <p>financial implications - The financial implications for the Council remain unclear as the Government has not yet announced how the additional funding for the new scheme will be distributed. TfL - The wider travel allowed under the new national scheme has made the TfL scheme superfluous and this scheme will cease on 31 March 2008.</p>
<p>That the Council sponsored Day Clubs for the more housebound older people provided in association with Housing Services have provided a valuable and much appreciated service, but should be kept under review in the light of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Difficulties in recruiting volunteers to help run them;</li> <li>• Difficulties in providing transport to and from the Clubs;</li> <li>• Falling attendances.</li> </ul>	<p>Keep under review .</p>
<p>That whilst the Council has done a great deal to address equality issues within its Service provisions there is still a great deal more which needs to be done. In particular we recognised the resources issues within Service Areas generally and that a specialist consultant has been employed to help produce the Disability Equality Scheme. This work needs to be brought to a conclusion and the scheme published without further delay.</p>	<p>The draft Disability Equality and Gender Equality Schemes for 2006/07 to 2008/09 was agreed at the Cabinet meeting on 16 April 2007, for the purposes of undertaking consultation and engagement with local disabled people and relevant stakeholders, and the development of appropriate equality action plans. This work is still ongoing.</p>