

Title of Report:	Commissioning Strategy for Older People	Item 10
Report to be considered by:	Executive	
Forward Plan Ref:	EX0646	

Corporate Plan Priority:	CP3 – Promoting independence for older people and people with disabilities
The proposals contained in this report will help to achieve the above Corporate Plan priority by: <i>identifying the Strategic intentions within Older Peoples services for the next 3 years to meet the needs of Older People in West Berkshire.</i>	

Purpose of Report:

Identifying the steps West Berkshire Council will take, in collaboration with its partners to deliver services to older people that are fit for current and future challenges.

Recommended Action:

That the Executive agree the proposals outlined in the Commissioning Strategy.

Reason for decision to be taken:

- To confirm the Executive agreement to the proposals for developing services for older people

List of other options considered:

- N/A

Key background documentation:

- Health Act 1999
- Carers and Disabled Childrens Act 2000
- National Service Framework for Older People 2001
- Delayed Discharge Act 2003
- National Standards and Planning Framework 2004

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Implications

Financial:

None – proposals are within current financial framework

Supporting Information

1. Background

- 1.1 A commissioning strategy provides a framework for the decisions about a service provision over a three year period, based on an assessment of needs of the population, what services are currently available and how they are used and what is needed for the future.
- 1.2 The strategy has been compiled following consultations on its components with Service users, Carers, NHS, voluntary sector and WBC staff. It also includes the national priorities and legislation that relate to older people.
- 1.3 This strategy has three main objectives
- to explain the **Need for Change** in how WBC provides services – taking into consideration the local needs assessment, national and local factors and priorities, and the present service provision
 - to identify the **Commissioning Objectives** and the proposed model of service re-provision
 - to outline the **Commissioning Action Plan** and intended steps to achieve the proposed model
- 1.4 The key factor arising from the needs analysis is the demographics in relation to older people and the significant increase in the over 85 years (29% in the next 10 years) who make up 40% of our service users.
- 1.5 The strategy's focus is on the health and well being of older people; their intentions to remain in their own home, their wish for support to promote independence and earlier input to prevent the need for service provision, the requirement of a range of flexible service to make informed choices and the need to support carers
- 1.6 To achieve this strategy it is essential that Older Peoples services work with other Council services, the NHS, voluntary services and the independent sector and that all decisions are informed by service users and their carers.
- 1.7 Overall the commissioning strategy pulls together existing work within Older Peoples services to improve and modernise services while increasing cost efficiency and outlines our future intentions to continue in this manner.
- 1.8 It is intended to be a working document, with a review each year, based on improved information about service users needs and national policy drivers.

Appendices

Appendix 10(a) - Commissioning Strategy

Appendix 10(b) – Action Plan

Consultation Responses

Local Stakeholders:	Older People, Carers, NHS, voluntary sector,
Officers Consulted:	Margaret Goldie, Older Peoples Service Managers
Trade Union:	None

