

**Well-Being Partnership Theme Board**

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**Report Title:** Update from Older People's Partnership Executive Board

**Report of:** Chair, Older People's Partnership Executive Board

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**Summary**

To update Well-being Partnership Theme Board on Older People's Partnership Executive Board's strategies.

**Recommendations**

That the Well-being Partnership note progress and key issues.

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## **1. Cooperscroft and Trentfield**

- 1.1 It was reported that two papers were going to Executive on the evening of 31 January. One was a proposal to close Trentfield, and includes details of recent assessments carried out with residents; the other was a recommendation to Members for an organisation to purchase Cooperscroft. It is proposed that current staff will stay at Cooperscroft, will be transferred to the new provider, and will retain their terms and conditions.

## **2. Scrutiny Review of Intermediate Care**

- 2.1 The Scrutiny of Intermediate Care was not yet finalised, but initial informal feedback suggested that Scrutiny Review Members had been impressed.

## **3. Mobility Forum**

- 3.1 A representative from the Mobility Forum fed back the need for a community transport unit. An event was publicised where the Mobility Forum will meet with transport users and members of the public, with the aim of responding to their concerns. An advert has also gone out in the Guardian for a London-wide Community Transport Association Co-ordinator. It was agreed that Haringey needs to feed into and make the most of this opportunity.

## **4. Business Plans**

- 4.1 It was reported that only two investments bids were agreed across the whole Council – one of these was to counter unaffordable residential and nursing places. The Partnership Board felt that it did not have sufficient opportunity to influence decision-making during the Council's business planning process. It was requested that next year more opportunity for engagement could be provided.

## **5. Home Care**

- 5.1 The Board debriefed from the Home Care Seminar held in November 2005 and discussed its findings. It was also reported that there are two reviews underway in Haringey Home Care: one on systems, and one on efficiency.

## **6. Budgets**

- 6.1 It was reported that both Social Services and the PCT are facing overspends. In Older People's Services this is mainly because of the escalating cost of external care. It was also reported that there are also expected to be pressures on budgets in 2006/07. The need for close partnership working during this period was emphasised.

## **7. Haringey Forum for Older People**

- 7.1 Members of HFOP outlined their themes for consultation next year. The Forum is developing some key outputs for the coming year, using the Experience Counts Action Plan as a guide.

## **8. Mayor's Draft Strategy for Older People**

8.1 The Board discussed the Mayor of London's draft strategy for older people, and fed their responses into Haringey's consultation feedback. The key queries made by the Board were:

- How much impact the Strategy would have;
- There does not appear to be funding attached to the strategy;
- The Strategy does not focus specifically enough on London issues;
- It has a lack of vision around transport for older people;
- While its vision is admirable, the Strategy does not say anything new;
- The Mayor should be praised for lobbying for increased services for older people.