

**Meeting:** Well Being Strategic Partnership Board

**Date:** 11 January 2011

**Report Title:** Experience Still Counts 2009-2012

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#### **Purpose**

To provide Board members with update on [Experience Still Counts](#) the quality of life strategy for older people.

#### **Summary**

Experience Still Counts is the Haringey Strategic Partnership's quality of life strategy for older people in the borough, including and involving all statutory partners, the third sector and older people themselves. It was widely consulted on with older people.

The delivery of the strategy is now monitored by the Older People's Partnership Board, and a sub-group was established to review the plan and develop a set of priorities.

In view of the fundamental changes that are happening in the Public Sector, particularly in the NHS, the Older People's Partnership Board has agreed that a Commissioning sub-group is established to drive, steer and contribute to service planning once the full details of the Comprehensive Spending Review are understood, using Experience Still Counts and its delivery plan re-prioritisation as a platform for discussion. The first meeting of this sub-group is in January 2011

#### **Legal/Financial Implications**

Public sector finances are reducing, and the role of the NHS and Adult Social Care in the delivery of public services will change. Budgets for 2011/12 have not yet been finalised for the key statutory partners – i.e. the Council and NHS Haringey. Delivery of the strategy will be dependent on working with older people in setting priorities over the next two financial years in the context of reducing public finances, whilst maintaining quality service delivery within the available resources.

#### **Recommendations**

That the WBPB notes the contents of the report, and the approach to ensuring

that older people's priorities are incorporated into commissioning plans

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**Background**

The strategy was presented to the Well-being Partnership Board in May 2009, and was agreed at Council Cabinet in June 2009.

The delivery plan sets out ten outcomes, with a number of key initiatives under each of the outcomes, with progress achieved on the delivery of a significant number of the initiatives. However in order to ensure progress is maintained, agreed priorities for the next two financial years (for the remaining life of the strategy) is critical.

The strategy and delivery plan provide the platform with work against the outcomes progressing in other arenas. This includes for example, a completed review of the Older People's Partnership Board, increased engagement of Older People in personalisation (including using the innovative 'Reaching Out' programme to consult with older people on their domiciliary care needs and comment on the impact on of the transforming social care agenda), commissioning of a foot care service, development of a commissioning framework for the delivery of older people's mental health services, review and strengthening of the Safeguarding Adults Service, and the development of a volunteering strategy. Within this context of work being undertaken across the partnership, the Older People's Partnership sub-group's initial work plan considered achievements to date and areas where progress has been limited. From the latter the priorities for action for the remainder of Experience Still Counts 2009-2012 have been drafted, and will be considered in a newly established Commissioning Subgroup to the Older People's Partnership Board in January 2011.

Well-being Partnership Board members, including statutory and third sector partners are key to the successful delivery of the quality of life strategy, which is dependent on ownership from all stakeholders across the partnership. Engagement from statutory sector partners is particularly critical in terms of planning for the use of available resources in the coming financial years.

**Use of Appendices**

None