



Haringey Council

Agenda item:

[No.]

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

On 28 April 2008

Report Title: **Scrutiny Review on Access to Services for Older People**

Report of: **Chair of the Review Panel**

Wards(s) affected: **All**

1. Purpose (That is, the decision required)

1.1 To approve the final report of the Review Panel

2. Recommendations

2.1 The Overview and Scrutiny approve the report and recommendations as laid out in the main report.

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3. Chief Financial Officer Comments

3.1 A number of recommendations are made in the main report to improve access to services for older people. The Director of Adults, Culture and Community Services will need to consider whether to accept each of the recommendations, either in full or in part.

3.2 Although the summary report indicates that all recommendations, if accepted, will need to be developed within the departmental budget, some will need to be resourced by the Primary Care Trust. In particular, the broadening of the GP referral scheme and proposals from the PCT for improving foot health will be a call on PCT budgets.

3.3 With regard to the Social Care Reform Grant, time limited resources are being provided to undertake the redesign of systems processes and transactions to **transform** service delivery, not to provide additional services. Alongside this additional investment, councils are expected to spend some of their existing resources differently, utilising mainstream services to ensure the health and wellbeing of their communities and working in a collaborative way with third and private sector agencies.

4. Head of Legal Services Comments

To Follow

5. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

5.1 Please refer to the Scrutiny Review report (attached)

6. Description

6.1 Please refer to the Scrutiny Review report (as attached).

7. Consultation

7.1 The Review report has been submitted to the relevant departments for consideration of technical accuracy and feasibility of the recommendations.

8. Executive Summary

8.1 Please refer to the Scrutiny Review report (as attached).

9. Recommendations

9.1 Please refer to the Scrutiny Review report (as attached).

10. Financial Implications

10.1 All recommendations if accepted will need to be delivered within the departmental budget.

10.2 Direct Payments are an effective and efficient means of service delivery for older people and an increased uptake may release a small level of additional resources.

10.3 The production of older people publications to disseminate information would need to be delivered within the department budget.

10.4 Training for staff likely to come into contact with vulnerable older people should be delivered from within the development budget.

10.5 The broadening of the GP referral scheme should be delivered within the existing budget with relevant partnership arrangements and contribution.

10.6 It is noted that the Social Care Reform Grant is to facilitate the transformation of services and therefore this funding may be able to contribute to the recommendations being implemented.

11. Legal Implications

11.1 There are no significant legal implications as a result of this report.

12. Equalities Implications

10.1 The review focused on older people in Haringey as a whole. There are therefore potential benefits from all of the recommendations (as outlined in the attached report) on the lives of this section of the community.