

Report to Stronger Community Select Committee

Date of meeting: 02 July 2019



Subject: Annual review of work undertaken to address the needs of the ageing population.

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Recommendations:

- (1) That the Stronger Community Select Committee receives an annual progress report on the work undertaken to address the needs of the ageing population.**

Report:

In 2015/16 the Council undertook a comprehensive study into the impact of an ageing population in the Epping Forest district. At this time, a number of recommendations were generated for the Council, along with key statutory and voluntary sector partners, to progress.

In March 2018 the multi-agency Epping Forest Health & Wellbeing Board formally adopted and launched the Epping Forest Health & Wellbeing Strategy 2018-28. The health and wellbeing of older residents forms a key part of the Strategy and it was agreed, therefore, that the future focus for the delivery of projects and initiatives relating to the ageing population would sit with the associated multi-agency Age Well Action Group.

Through partner consensus, a review of the original Ageing Population Study Action Plan was undertaken and a revised Age Well Action Plan was developed and adopted. The key priorities agreed by all partners are as follows:

- Increasing physical activity
- Reducing social isolation and loneliness
- Keeping older residents safe and independent at home

The current Action Plan is attached to this report and provides an overview of the areas of work being undertaken to address the needs of the district's ageing population.

Reason for decision: It was agreed that the Communities Select Communities would receive an annual update on the work undertaken to address the needs of the ageing population.

Options considered and rejected: N/A

Consultation undertaken: A range of consultation was undertaken as part of the original Impact of the Ageing Population Study, the development and implementation of the Epping Forest Health & Wellbeing Strategy 2018-28 and the associated Age Well Action Plan.

Service review: N/A

Resource implications: There have been no increases in budget required from the Council, to date.

Personnel: A range of staff within the Council are responsible for delivering on actions and particularly the Council's Community, Culture and Wellbeing Team.

Land: N/A

Community Plan/BVPP reference: The original Impact into the Ageing Population study was a Corporate Plan priority.

Relevant statutory powers: N/A

Background papers: Epping Forest Health & Wellbeing Strategy 2018-19

Environmental/Human Rights Act/Crime and Disorder Act Implications: N/A

Key Decision Ref (if required) N/A