



REPORT TO ALL OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES, MARCH-MAY 2012

Subject Heading:	Potential Work Programme Themes Arising From Ageing Well Event
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Policy context:	The Council's overview and scrutiny powers and the need to ensure an effective overview and scrutiny process.
Financial summary:	No implications arising directly from this report.

The subject matter of this report deals with the following Council Objectives

Ensuring a clean, safe and green borough	<input type="checkbox"/>
Championing education and learning for all	<input type="checkbox"/>
Providing economic, social and cultural activity in thriving towns and villages	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Valuing and enhancing the lives of our residents	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Delivering high customer satisfaction and a stable council tax	<input type="checkbox"/>

SUMMARY

Following the recent Ageing Well event considering priorities for older people in the borough, this report details some themes arising from the event that could be used as components of the overview and scrutiny committees' work programmes.

RECOMMENDATION

That Members consider the themes raised by the Ageing Well event and decide which, if any, should be added to the work programme of their Committees.

REPORT DETAIL

1. Members will be aware that, in January 2012, an event was held considering the implications for Havering of the growing elderly population and the Ageing Well agenda generally. The event was well attended with a number of Members and other stakeholders present. Groups and organisations dealing with the elderly who were represented included Age Concern, Havering Police and local NHS organisations.
2. The event produced a great deal of discussion and ideas from the delegates about what were considered the priority areas for older people (a number of members of the Havering Over-50s forum also attended and gave valuable input to the discussions). The results of these sessions are summarised in the appendix to this report.
3. Shortly after the event, several of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chairmen, assisted by officers, met informally to consider the outcomes from the event. A number of general themes emerged and these, along with some further suggestions, are listed below. It should be noted that this is not an exhaustive list and Members are welcome to use any of the information below or in the appendix to consider what items could be added to the Committees' work programmes.
 - Security and fear of crime including data protection issues
 - Lifestyle and social inclusion
 - The impact of housing and planning on older people
 - Accessibility and transport
 - Bereavement support
 - The impact on young carers
 - Safeguarding issues
4. Issues affecting older people are often wide ranging and it is likely that many of the issues listed above (or any others chosen by Members) may cover the remit of more than one Overview and Scrutiny Committee. This should not be seen as an obstacle to undertaking the work but Members may wish to give consideration to co-opting members from appropriate other committees onto any topic group set up in response to the Ageing Well work. For example, a review of security and fear of crime led by the Crime & Disorder committee may find it useful to co-opt a member from the Towns & Communities overview and scrutiny committee in order to more fully consider the security aspects of housing design and related areas.

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Financial implications and risks:

None arising directly from this report. Any financial implications arising from individual reviews would need to be considered as part of the report of the specific topic group.

Legal implications and risks:

None.

Human Resources implications and risks:

None, this work would be supported within the existing committee administration team.

Equalities implications and risks:

The ageing well event was specifically focussed on issues affecting older people and hence sought to improve scrutiny of an area (age) that is a protected characteristic under the Equality Act 2010. Further scrutiny work in this area will assist in meeting the Council's equalities obligations.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Appendix: Feedback from Ageing Well Event Breakout Sessions, 19 January 2012, Havering Town Hall