

## **SEVENOAKS DISTRICT LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP – ESTABLISHMENT OF OLDER PEOPLE'S SUB-GROUP**

### **Health Liaison Board – 22 April 2015**

Report of                      Chief Officer for Communities and Business

Status:                      For Consideration

Key Decision:              No

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#### **This report supports the Key Aim of Caring Communities**

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#### **Recommendation to Health Liaison Board**

To inform Members regarding the establishment of an Older People's Sub-Group of the Sevenoaks District Local Strategic Partnership.

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**Reason for recommendation:** Members will be updated on the developments of the Older People's Sub-Group of the Sevenoaks District Local Strategic Partnership

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#### **Introduction and Background**

- 1     The 2013-16 Sevenoaks District Community Plan recognises forecasts for the District which suggests that the proportion of people over 65 will significantly increase in the years leading up to 2031 and therefore work with older people was identified as a priority.
- 2     The Sevenoaks District Local Strategic Partnership identified the challenge of an aging population as a common theme in the horizon scanning exercise over the next five years. The issue was widely recognised by partners to have an impact of service planning for health, social care, housing and other support services in the short and medium term future.
- 3     The LSP agreed that this Council should co-ordinate the establishment of an Older People's Sub-Group to identify and address key issues and opportunities relating to older people. It was agreed that this should be a multi-agency partnership co-ordinated by Sevenoaks District Council and a wide range of statutory, voluntary, community and faith sector partners who had an interest in this area. It is proposed that the Sub-Group's broad remit will be as follows:
  - To explore a single point of contact and referral process to and for partner agencies and the voluntary sector who identify older residents in need of additional support at home

- Making better use of the skills of older people in employment, education and training
  - Improve access to services and improve social inclusion, including consideration of access to services online.
  - Provide guidance of key policies affecting older people, including acting as a steering and reference group for the Older People's Housing Study.
  - Receive updates on safeguarding for vulnerable adults.
  - Identify local priorities for action for improving services and support for older people.
- 4 An initial meeting of an Older People's Sub-Group will take place in May and will focus on the issue of older people. This will enable the Sub-Group to take further emerging issues and views into account.

## **Key Implications**

### Financial

There are no financial implications associated with the report.

### Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement.

There are no legal implications associated with this report

### Equality Assessment

No decisions were recommended through this paper and therefore there is no perceived impact on end users. An Equalities Impact Assessment will be undertaken for any initiatives being taken forward as part of the work of this sub-group, as detailed in the report.

## **Conclusions**

To inform Members of the Health Liaison Board regarding the arrangements for the new LSP Older People's Sub-Group.

**Background Papers:** [Sevenoaks District Community Plan: Our Vision for the next 15 years 2013-2028](#)

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