
Meeting	Health Overview and Scrutiny
Date	11 December 2012
Subject	Barnet Ageing Well Programme 'Altogether Better' - Briefing on Progress
Report of Summary	Director for Public Health Barnet and Harrow This report provides an update on Phase 2 of the Barnet Ageing Well programme.

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Status (public or exempt)	Public
Wards Affected	all
Key Decision	no
Reason for urgency / exemption from call-in	n/a
Function of	Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Enclosures	Appendix A - Report on 'Altogether Better the Ageing Well Programme in Barnet'
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1. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 That the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee note the report.

2. RELEVANT PREVIOUS DECISIONS

- 2.1 Health and Well Being Board, 20th July 2011 (decision item 6 (1) agreed to engage with the 'Ageing Well' Place based programme.
- 2.2 Health and Well Being Board 22 September 2011 (decision item 12) noted progress and agreed their responsibility for decision-making.
- 2.3 Cabinet 17th July 2012 (decision item 11), Agreed the Older Adults Day Opportunities Model for Older People. This included an addition of £150,000 to the older adults prevention to support the neighborhood model, and a report to be given to Cabinet no later than the 27th September 2012 on the implementation plan developed with existing older adults day care providers.
- 2.4 Cabinet Resources Committee 18 October 2012 (decision item 5) agreed: The implementation plan developed with local providers for the neighbourhood model; that the Barnet Provider Group (BPG) be commissioned to operate a neighbourhood service.

3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 The programme supports the following corporate objectives; 'Supporting residents to have healthy and independent lives, in particular, reducing demand on health and social care'; and 'Working with community groups and service providers to develop mutual support'. Phase 2 of the Ageing well programme focuses on the development of supportive, sustainable neighbourhoods to enable people to live more independent and satisfying lives.
- 3.2 The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) for Barnet has identified that the population of older people aged 65 and over is set to increase by 21% over the next 10 years, and for the 90 plus age group to increase by 55% whilst at the same time resources to the council to meet the needs of Barnet's residents are set to decrease in line with the Government's Comprehensive Spending Review
- 3.3 Barnet's Health and Well Being Strategy has two overarching aims: Keeping Well' a strong belief in 'prevention is better than cure' and 'Keeping Independent'. Together with the Neighbourhood Model, the programme has a key role in building resilience in families, the community and neighbourhoods. The programme will improve access to local information and advice, will assist to develop mutual support between citizens and increase inclusion, and develop neighbourhood and community based support networks for older people.
- 3.4 The Council's Estates strategy 2011 to 2015 includes a target to complete a public sector community assets plan in the borough and develop the longer term strategy with an action plan to co-locate and manage community assets

more effectively with the councils partners. This reflects the approach required for both Ageing Well and the Neighbourhood Model, where the aim is to have venues open to all, accessible and flexible.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

- 4.1 There is a risk that the council does not have the resources to respond to changes that may be recommended during the work in the localities. However the JSNA identified this section of the population as a priority and there is evidence from elsewhere that a focus on the well being of this group will ultimately lead to reduced need and therefore costs.
- 4.2 There is a risk that key partners do not see the programme as a priority. But establishing links with other programmes, and taking forward the programme under the auspices of the Health and Well Being Board will ensure that other stakeholders are engaged.

5. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

- 5.1 A significant projected increase in the population of people aged 65 and over has been identified in the recent Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA), whilst at the same time, the resources to the Council to meet the needs of Barnet's residents are set to decrease in line with the Government's Comprehensive Spending Review. There is therefore a need for the council to explore different ways of supporting its older population in a manner that maintains independence, health and well being.
- 5.2 Additionally although Barnet is primarily an affluent borough, there are pockets of deprivation that are associated with greater levels of ill health and social need. The locality approach will focus on identifying existing assets, and bring older people together to identify the areas for change required.
- 5.3 Equality and diversity issues are a mandatory consideration in decision-making in the council pursuant to the Equality Act 2010. This means the council and all other organisations acting on its behalf must have due regard to the equality duties when exercising a public function. The broad purpose of this duty is to integrate considerations of equality and good relations into day to day business requiring equality considerations to be reflected into the design of policies and the delivery of services and for these to be kept under review. Health partners as relevant public bodies must similarly discharge their duties under the Equality Act 2010 and consideration of equalities issues should therefore form part of their reports.
- 5.4 In addition to the Terms of Reference of the Committee, and in so far as relating to matters within its remit, the role of the Committee is to perform the Overview and Scrutiny role in relation to:
- The Council's leadership role in relation to diversity and inclusiveness; and

- The fulfilment of the Council's duties as employer including recruitment and retention, personnel, pensions and payroll services, staff development, equalities and health and safety.

6. USE OF RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS (finance, procurement, performance and value for money, Staffing, IT property, sustainability)

- 6.1 The Ageing Well programme will include work to support older people more effectively, and will actively support the changes to the provision of prevention services for older people, which includes the development of the Neighbourhood Model.

The programme will also contribute to managing assets more effectively through the work described in section 2.3 of the attached report.

- 6.2 The Ageing Well programme is a cross cutting theme, and will also support other initiatives; e.g. Ageing Well will cover specific objectives in the Information Advice Advocacy and Brokerage Strategy Refresh.
- 6.3 Funding has been allocated from the Section 256 budget for 2012/13. It is planned that the borough wide projects will be delivered by local community organisations following a competitive exercise.

7. LEGAL ISSUES

- 7.1 The Health and Social Care Act 2012, Part 5, Chapter Two makes amendments to the NHS Act 2006. It includes an amendment concerning the power to make regulations on review and scrutiny of health by local authority overview and scrutiny committees. The amendments enable those regulations to authorise the local authority to arrange for an overview and scrutiny committee to discharge its health scrutiny functions. The health scrutiny functions may involve making reports and recommendations to relevant NHS bodies or relevant health service provider, Secretary of State or the regulator.

8. CONSTITUTIONAL POWERS

- 8.1 The scope of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees is contained within Part 2, Article 6 of the Council's Constitution.
- 8.2 The Terms of Reference of the Scrutiny Committees are included in the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules (Part 4 of the Council's Constitution). The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee has within its terms of reference responsibility:
- (i) To perform the overview and scrutiny role in relation to health issues which impact upon the residents of the London Borough of Barnet and the functions services and activities of the National Health Service (NHS) and NHS bodies located within the London Borough of Barnet and in other areas.

- (ii) To make reports and recommendations to the Executive and/or other relevant authorities on health issues which affect or may affect the borough and its residents.
- (iii) To invite executive officers and other relevant personnel of the Barnet Primary Care Trust, Barnet GP Commissioning Consortium, Barnet Health and Wellbeing Board and/or other health bodies to attend meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee as appropriate.

9. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 9.1 Phase 1 of the Barnet Ageing Well Programme comprised a series of workshops and meetings which took place in September and October 2011, with a wide range of stakeholders from within and outside of the council. A number of themes emerged, including the development of sustainable supportive neighbourhoods, as an approach to enable older people to live more independent lives, and to facilitate well being. This forms Phase 2 of the programme. As part of Phase 1 the Leader agreed to an Ageing Well Member Champion.
- 9.2 The attached report describes Phase 2 of the Ageing Well programme, links it to key strategic developments and outlines the work being undertaken in the 3 localities, and summarises borough wide initiatives.
- 9.3 Together with the Neighbourhood Model (recently agreed by Cabinet Resources Committee on 18 October), the programme will stimulate increasing use of social capital through effective use of volunteers and encouragement of peer support and also through encouraging and supporting local leadership.
- 9.4 The council's role in Phase 2 of the programme is to set up structures, processes and a framework for Ageing Well in Barnet. The programme is capable of achieving considerable outcomes but this depends on its success in gaining the enthusiasm and support by members of the respective local communities.
- 9.5 The attached update report was approved by Adult Social Care and Health Senior Management Team on the 14 November. The next step will be for Health and Well Being Board in January 2013 to agree a budget and programme for 2013/14. An update meeting specifically for Members is planned for March 2013

10. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 10.1 Altogether Better – the Ageing Well Programme in Barnet Project Plan

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