

SCRUTINY OF THE MODERNISATION OF OLDER PEOPLE'S STRATEGY

5. The Older People's Strategy Working Group established two sub-groups. One of the sub-groups focused on developing the Older People's Strategy – Consultation Plan, while the other group set out on a fact-finding mission to Liverpool to research, witness and get direct feedback from service users on Liverpool's Residential Strategy for Older People and Liverpool's newly established service provisions.
6. The consultation group finalised their deliberation at an open public meeting and agreed an outline of how this wide-ranging consultation could be carried out. The council's consultation officer who facilitated the session presented a draft consultation plan to the working group meeting on the 31 March. Councillors, representatives of Luton senior citizens organisations, Primary Care Trust (P.C.T) representatives and relevant officers of the Council attended the meeting. For such a far-reaching and inclusive consultation plan to be successful, it is vital that it has the commitment and support from all our partners, senior officers and members of the Council.
7. The draft plan is attached as appendix (3). A tentative time frame for the consultation has also been indicated in the plan. An implementation plan and other finer details will be developed further at a sub-group meeting on the 19 April.
8. The fact-finding group went to Liverpool. Most of the provisions presented a very positive picture of care, involvement and the positive affects of a systemic approach. The variety of provision and its support structures were very well thought through. The findings and lessons learned were also reported to the working group meeting of the 31 March. Possibilities of similar projects are being explored for Luton. Copies of the schemes that were visited are on display and available for anyone who wants a copy. The whole town's awareness was developed to achieve a holistic impact. There may also be further visits to other nearby local authorities that are at a scale that is comparable to Luton, as well as visits to look at the development of specialist services for people with dementia.
9. In Peterborough the local Authority and the Health Service are managing social care jointly. The Director of Adult Social Care in Peterborough, Ian Anderson, has been approached and has agreed to address an appropriate meeting to tell us why and how Health and Social Care services are being jointly managed.

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10. The first scrutiny meeting on this topic took place on 04 March 2004, at the Bramingham Centre. More than 90 people attended the meeting. Their presence highlighted the enormous interest that this scrutiny has provoked in the community. It included users, carers, families and organisations, which have professional, interest e.g. Mencap & The Advocacy project etc.
11. A working group was formed at the meeting with 80 people signing on to it. The working Group will initially focus on the Day Care Modernisation Plan. The first two meetings are being set up where evidence from 6 different organisations will be presented. After the second meeting an assessment will be made whether further meetings are required or not. If it is felt that no further meetings are necessary, thereafter the focus will move on to the long term accommodation needs of people with learning difficulties.

Appendices

12. Appendix 1: Trip to Liverpool – Cllr Maureen McGarvie
Appendix 2: Trip to Liverpool - Cllr Sian Timoney
Appendix 3: Draft Consultation Plan

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, SECTION 100D

13. There are no background papers to this particular report.