
SERVICES FOR OLDER PEOPLE – BEST VALUE REVIEW

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 Members are invited to provide comments for consideration by the Essex County Council Best Value review team who are conducting a review of services for older people.

2 BEST VALUE REVIEW

- 2.1 This review is being undertaken in the second year of Essex County Council's five-year programme and follows on from the 'Age Matters' consultation last year.
- 2.2 The review will examine the degree to which the assessed needs of older people are being met and how improvements can be planned for the future. The main services under review include home, day and residential care, provided by both internal and external sectors, funded by the County Council. The current and future models of support services that people need is also part of the review and an important interface with Districts in considering alternatives to residential care, such as housing suitable for people who need high level of personal care.
- 2.3 Mr Roger Sinden, Head of Independent Living and Older People's Services at Essex County Council, will be attending the meeting.
- 2.4 All Members have been advised that this review is being undertaken and copies of the Project Initiation Document, which sets the scene and gives some facts and figures, have been placed in the Members' Rooms. If any Member would like a personal copy they are invited to contact the Head of Housing, Health and Community Care.

3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 It is important that the Council works closely with Essex County Council to ensure that there are integrated plans to provide a range of accommodation and support services to meet the needs of the District's elderly residents. The recently approved Housing Strategy has an action point to develop a strategy in line with the National Service Framework for Older People. The new 'Supporting People' framework requires joint plans and spending priorities to be agreed between the agencies.

4 RECOMMENDATION

4.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**

To consider the Best Value review of services for older people and make comments to Essex County Council. (HHHCC)

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