

POLICY & RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 5th OCTOBER 2015

Ageing Well in Wales – Local Ageing Well Plans

To consider and comment on the following issues:

- That the scrutiny committee considers and comments on the draft Ageing Well plan for Carmarthenshire County Council.

Reasons:

- To fulfil obligations arising from signing the Dublin Declaration on Age Friendly Cities and Communities.
- To outline a local response to the Ageing Well in Wales programme and Welsh Government's Strategy for Older People.
- To formulate views for submission to the Executive Board for consideration.

To be referred to the Executive Board for decision: YES

Executive Board Member Portfolio Holders:

- Cllr. Linda Evans (Housing and Older People)
- Cllr. Jane Tremlett (Social Care & Health and 50+ Champion)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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A local ageing well plan meets two key strategic drivers – the Ageing Well in Wales programme and The Strategy for Older People in Wales. It is complementary to, and supportive of, the ‘Vision for Sustainable Services for Older People’, under development within Social Care. It supports the 2015 Wellbeing of Future Generations Act, through contributing towards sustainable communities that enable people to age ‘in-place’.

Ageing Well in Wales

Officially launched in October 2014, this programme has five key outcomes:

- Age Friendly Communities;
- Falls Prevention;
- Dementia Supportive Communities;
- Opportunities for Learning and Employment; and
- Loneliness and Isolation.

The focus locally is on Council functions that support the independence of older people who are not users of social services.

Carmarthenshire-specific research has been undertaken on Ageing Well, through the 50+ Forum. At the request of the Older People’s Commissioner, this information has been shared with the Ageing Well in Wales Programme Board.

Strategy for Older People in Wales

Originally launched in 2003, the Strategy was updated in 2013 to cover the period until 2023. The Strategy is fundamentally concerned with promoting ‘wellbeing’ in a broadly conceived sense and is organised through consideration of the social, environmental and financial resources necessary to the achievement of wellbeing.

A Local Plan for Carmarthenshire County Council

The Plan considers each of the five Ageing Well themes in turn, detailing:

- Its relevance to the ageing society
- Available evidence
- What older people have told us
- The action the Council will take

A number of case studies are included to reflect current good practice.

This Plan will also be considered by the Social Care & Health Scrutiny Committee at its next meeting, scheduled for the 19th November 2015.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

YES

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report.

Signed: Wendy Walters Assistant Chief Executive (Regeneration & Policy)

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
YES	NONE	YES	NONE	YES	YES	NONE

1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

The ageing society is a reality and from a policy perspective it is imperative that the discharge of Council functions is considered 'in the round' in relation to the objective of supporting older people to lead fulfilling and independent lives.

In future years the Ageing Well Plan should be combined with the Sustainable Services for Older People.

3. Finance

The Plan is cost neutral. Maximising the contribution other services make to supporting the independence of older people will lead to cost savings for older people's services.

5. Risk Management Issues

None in short term. Services must plan on the basis of population projections to achieve best allocation of resources.

6. Staffing Implications

Maintaining an age-diverse workforce; encouraging retirees to contribute through volunteering.

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below:

Signed: Wendy Walters Assistant Chief Executive (Regeneration & Policy)

1. **Local Member(s)** – Via the scrutiny committees.
2. **Community / Town Council** – N/A
3. **Relevant Partners** – Carmarthenshire 50+ Forum (476 responses).
4. **Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations** – N/A

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW:

Title of Document	File Ref No. / Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Ageing Well in Wales Programme	<p>Cymraeg: http://www.ageingwellinwales.com/Libraries/Documents/AWF_inalWelsh.pdf</p> <p>English: http://www.ageingwellinwales.com/Libraries/Documents/AWF_inalEnglish.pdf</p>
The Strategy for Older People in Wales 2013-23	<p>Cymraeg: http://gov.wales/docs/dhss/publications/130521olderpeoplestrategycy.pdf</p> <p>English: http://gov.wales/docs/dhss/publications/130521olderpeoplestrategyen.pdf</p>