

**TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**OLDER PERSONS ISSUES ADVISORY BOARD**

**Tuesday, 3rd August, 2010**

**Present:** Cllr Mrs F A English (Chairman), Cllr Ms S V Spence (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Ms J A Atkinson, Cllr Mrs B A Brown, Cllr C Brown, Cllr D J Cure, Cllr B J Luker, Cllr Miss A Moloney, Cllr Mrs E A Simpson, Cllr A K Sullivan and Cllr Mrs C J Woodger.

Councillors Aikman, Dobson, Heslop, Rhodes and Worrall were also present pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No 15.21.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor D Davis.

**PART 1 - PUBLIC**

**OP  
10/001      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made.

**OP  
10/002      MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That the notes of the meeting of the Older Persons Issues Advisory Board held on 8 December 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**MATTERS FOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE CABINET**

**OP  
10/003      TELEHEALTH - UPDATE**

Decision Notice D100095MEM

The Chairman welcomed Fay Scannel of Kent Adult Social Services and Linda Radley of West Kent Community Health who gave an update on the Telehealth scheme operating in West Kent together with plans for its future expansion and development. An explanation was also given of telecare services and the "whole systems demonstrator" programme which were all designed to promote independence at home.

Members asked a number of questions about the ease of use of equipment, how users were recruited for the pilot schemes and prospects for harmonisation of independent living services given the difficulties of compatibility of different manufacturers' equipment. The Chairman then thanked the speakers for their contribution.

**RECOMMENDED:** That the update on Telehealth provision in the Borough be noted and further updates be made to the Advisory Board as the project develops.

**OP  
10/004**

**OLDER PERSONS' FORUM FOR TONBRIDGE AND MALLING -  
PROGRESS TO DATE**

Decision Notice D100096MEM

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Thanks were recorded to Mark Raymond, Corporate Services Manager, and Diane Aslett of Age UK for their work in progressing the establishment of the Forum.

**RECOMMENDED:** That

(1) progress towards the establishment of an Older Persons' Forum for Tonbridge and Malling, as set out in the report, be noted; and

(2) consideration be given to inviting the Chairman of the Forum to attend future meetings of the Advisory Board once the Forum is formally established.

**OP  
10/005**

**UK OLDER PEOPLE'S DAY - 1 OCTOBER 2010**

Decision Notice D100097MEM

The report of the Chief Executive indicated that the UK Older People's Day would take place on 1 October 2010 to coincide with the UN International Day for Older People, having a theme of "getting and staying active in later life". Details were given of proposals for celebrating the event locally including the launch of the Older Persons' Forum for Tonbridge and Malling, promotion of events in the three priority communities of East Malling, Snodland and Trench and arrangement of a programme for older residents at the Council's leisure facilities.

Members suggested that parish councils and schools also be involved and where possible activities on the Day be made accessible to residents of care homes.

**RECOMMENDED:** That a programme of events to celebrate the UK Older People's Day be developed on the basis of the suggestions set

out in the report and in partnership with other relevant agencies.

### **MATTERS SUBMITTED FOR INFORMATION**

**OP  
10/006**

#### **PRESENTATIONS FROM LOCAL OLDER PERSONS' GROUPS**

The Board received a presentation by Joy Debney on the work of Positive Ageing, an organisation which now had two groups in Tonbridge and London although the original aspiration had been that it would extend across the country. Details were given of the busy programme of speakers and outings organised for the 40 members in Tonbridge together with fund raising activities.

Members asked a number of questions on the way in which participants were recruited and whether there were any links with other similar organisations. The Chairman observed that a large number of members of Positive Ageing had attended the consultation event in Tonbridge and it was suggested that the organisation might provide a speaker to the Older Persons' Forum when it was established. Miss Debney was then thanked for her contribution to the meeting.

It was noted that a representative of Citizens' Rights for Older People (CROP) had also been invited to make a presentation to the meeting but had submitted apologies for absence.

**OP  
10/007**

#### **AUDIT COMMISSION REPORT - UNDER PRESSURE**

The report of the Chief Executive drew attention to the Audit Commission publication focusing on assisting councils to tackle the financial challenges arising from an ageing population. Reference was made to the information presented to the first meeting of the Advisory Board on the issue of the ageing population in the Borough. It was therefore noted that the Council was already well placed to address the three recommendations in the Audit Commission report in view of its establishment of a forum enabling direct engagement with older people, a number of preventative health programmes already being delivered at the leisure centres and an up to date community strategy guiding the work of the Local Strategic Partnership.

### **MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION IN PRIVATE**

**OP  
10/008**

#### **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

No items were considered in private.

The meeting ended at 2035 hours

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**RECORD OF DECISION**

**Decision Taken By: CABINET MEMBER FOR  
Community Development**

**Decision No: D100095MEM**

**Date: 3rd August 2010**

**Decision(s) and Reason(s)**

**Telehealth - Update**

**(Report of Chief Executive)  
(Annex)**

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Reasons: As set out in the report submitted to the Older Persons Issues Advisory Board of 3 August 2010.

Signed Cabinet Member for N Heslop  
Community Development:

Signed Leader: M Worrall

Signed Chief Executive: D Hughes

**Date of publication: 06 August 2010**

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Community Development**

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### **Decision(s) and Reason(s)**

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**(Report of Chief Executive)  
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