ACTION PLAN FOR OLDER PEOPLES PARTNERSHIP BOARD 2007/08.

The 2007/08 action plan is based upon the Buckinghamshire Strategy for Older People and the activity of the Older People's Partnership Board (OPPB). The original strategy was drafted in partnership with statutory and voluntary agencies and representatives of older people in Buckinghamshire.

The OPPB has been using the strategy as a framework to plan its activity and has had some significant successes, however, there are certain areas which there has been limited progress. As the OPPB is the vehicle for driving the Strategy which has been signed up to by partner organisations it is necessary for there to be a focus on **all** the targets held therein. The OPPB will also need to continue to hear up dates and reports from the many subgroups which feed the Board, with a split between information and business reporting in the meeting.

A comprehensive review of progress against the targets during 2007/08 is available from the OPPB minutes. However some of the highlights are detailed below:

Strategy 1 - To promote quality of life and well-being to maintain health and independence into later life

There has been good progress on volunteering activity, increasing benefits and providing access to training opportunities for older people. However it is unclear as to the progress on the housing strategies and access to physical activity for older people.

Strategy 2 - To ensure that older people are in receipt of adequate income in order to retain choice control and independence

There is progress in terms of defining baselines for benefits increases although there is not currently information about the fuel poverty indicators.

Strategy 3 - To ensure that older people have access to information, advice and advocacy to maintain choice and control, especially at key points of transition in their lives

There is a range of activity to support provision of advice and information to older people, including community messenger, bereavement support and mystery shopping projects.

Strategy 4 - To ensure that older people have access to facilities and services through the provision of appropriate community and public transport systems

There has been little or no progress on the transport agenda.

Strategy 5 - To address the failure of the market to deliver the types of products and services that older people want

There has been no active progress on this agenda yet but there are plans in place to link with commercial providers.

Strategy 6 - To ensure that older people have a strong voice in society, future consultation must include participation of and engagement with older people at all stages

There has been some progress on developing the OPAGs across Buckinghamshire, however, the OP champions group requires additional support to fulfil its role.

Strategy 7 - To challenge and address ageism and other forms of discrimination, recognizing diversity and promoting more positive images of older people

The County Council and Primary Care Trust had completed some reviews of policies and procedures in light of the strategy. However there is no clear information about how this has been applied in other agencies.

Month	Working group / issues.	Report / outcomes.	Lead.	Notes
MAY				
	Strategy 4 – transport issues.	To plan OPPB approach to transport as defined in OP strategy.	Neil Comely – BCC	Business item to agree a way strategy to be adopted by members of the board.
	Post Office Closures		Shirley Shaw	
	Access and Systems Grant Bids		Kate Walker	
	OP Strategy and Action Plan Refresh			
	Housing		Martin Holt	
	Future chairing arrangements		Kerry Stevens	
	Other business.		All	
JULY	National Service Framework for Older People.	Report regarding audit tool of progress against NSF milestones.	Stephen Stych (BCC)	Information item on progress of subgroup.
	Bed moves for Older People		Jane Taptiklis	
	Strategy 5 – failure of market to deliver services to older people.	How to progress joint commissioning of services and looking and older peoples experiences as customers.	Chris Stanners and Sheila Davies	Business item to agree a way strategy to be adopted by members of the board.
	Carers of/as Older People.	Report on progress of LAA target and relationship to older	David Richardson (Carers Bucks)	Information item on progress of subgroup.

		peoples needs as carers and people with carers.		
	Voluntary sector.	Increasing the number of people who volunteer and developing voluntary sector.	Steve GoldenSmith (BCC	Information item on progress of subgroup.
	Post office closures		Shirley Shaw	
	OP Strategy and Action Plan Refresh			
	Redesign of Community Services		Emma Parry	
	Access and Systems Grant		Kate Walker	
SEPT	Strategy 6 – Champion representation.	To support user / champion representation on the various workgroups reporting to the OPPB. As the involvement of champions on work groups to support effective user involvement in influencing outcomes.	Champions lead.	Business item to agree a way strategy to be adopted by members of the board.
	Safer communities.	Progress report on milestones against the BVR of crime and fear of crime in older people.	Tracey Allan / Steve GoldenSmith (BCC)	Information item on progress of subgroup.
	Housing for older people.	Influencing wider housing strategies to reflect the needs of older peoples.	Martin Holt (CSB DC) Eryl Davies (BCC)	Information item on progress of subgroup.

		Update on the extra care strategy.		
	Dementia cafe		Ken Dorling	
	OP Action Plan refresh			
	Voluntary Sector		Steve Goldensmith/ Chris Walkling??	
	Service redesign		Emma Parry	
NOV	Manor House redevelopment		Jonathan Horbury	
	Action Learning Sets	Pertinent points	Sheila Davies	Information item on progress of subgroup.
	New Dial-a-Ride service		Martin Holt	
	Strategy 4 – Access /Transportation		Neil Comely	
JAN	Equality Impact Assessment		Muriel Alleaume	Information item on disbanding of diversity subgroup and the need for Equality Impact Assessment.
	Strategy 1 – to promote quality of life and well being.			Business item to agree a way strategy to be adopted by members of the board.
	National Service Framework for Older People.	Report regarding audit tool of progress against NSF milestones.	Stephen Stych (BCC)	Information item on progress of subgroup.
	Picking people up who fall			Catehrine Erbetta
MARCH	Strategy 2 – to ensure older people have			Business item to agree a way strategy to be

	adequate income.			adopted by members of the board.
	Extra Care Housing		Ojalae Jenkins	
	Strategy 3 – to ensure older people have access to information and advice.			Business item to agree a way strategy to be adopted by members of the board.
	Access and Systems projects.	Progress report on milestones.	Kerry Stevens (BCC)	Information item on progress of subgroup.
	End of year report		Kerry Stevens	
MAY	Strategy 7 – to address ageism and other forms of discrimination.		Dot Evans	Business item to agree a way strategy to be adopted by members of the board.