

**ADULT STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP:  
6<sup>th</sup> September 2010**

**Introduction:**

1. A Good Place to Grow Older: The National Commitment from Building a Society for All ages, the previous Government's older people's strategy, was presented at the NYSP in May and the recommendations below were agreed in full.
2. This paper is to update the ASP with developments since then, and to seek direction on the next steps.

**Recommendations agreed in full at NYSP, May 2010**

- 10.1 *To consider the National Commitment and how we might continue to shape North Yorkshire as a good place to grow older, building upon the successful work to date.*
- 10.2 *To endorse the guiding principles and pledges within 'A Good Place to Grow Older – A National Commitment'.*
- 10.3 *To ask the Adults Strategic Partnership to take the lead in developing the North Yorkshire response, including encouraging and enabling the appropriate participation of other Thematic Partnerships, Local Strategic Partnerships and partners, and to report back to the Executive later in 2010.*

**Subsequent events:**

1. With the change in government, the new programme is **Ageing Well: Supporting local solutions to improve quality of life for older people**. A page is attached at Appendix 1.
2. The details of this programme are still being developed. There is some synergy between this and a Good Place to Grow Older, but more emphasis on efficient use of reduced resources and local joined up solution finding, fully engaging local people and partnerships.
3. It does offer 'tailored support to individual authorities and Strategic Partnerships'. A DWP facilitator could be made available to us on **Thursday October 28<sup>th</sup>**.
4. The process would involve the use of the DWP self-assessment toolkit involving key officers and local people. The domains that could be selected for particular self-assessment, with a view to identifying need and opportunities for improvement, would be chosen from the diagram

in Appendix 2. The initial session would be for a 'long half day', and any follow ups with local facilitation would be agreed then.

5. At the NYSP in May, the recommendation was that any agreed work should seek to involve Thematic and Local Strategic Partnerships.
6. (The 7 LSPs have been contacted as to their progress in adopting a Good Place to Grow Older as had been requested by Government Office Y&H, and replies received from four. Only one of which had actively considered it but at this stage had only asked partners to sign up to its principles.)
7. If this work were to be commissioned on Ageing Well, the eventual output could form part of the work plan for the ASP and any future replacement for the current sub regional multi-agency framework for people 50+, Planning for Older Age 2006-11, should it be decided it is necessary.
8. If this proposal is adopted today, then a report could go to the NYSP at its meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> October, and representatives from LSPs, appropriate Thematic Partnerships and local people 50+ years could be invited to the event on 28<sup>th</sup> October.
9. To ensure that all partners are given the opportunity to be involved, and that communication with NY residents especially people 50+ is planned into this work from an early stage and that their expenses can be met, it is proposed that there should be a steering group of 7 LSP reps, + 1 from each Thematic Partnerships, and 1 involved with the NY Sustainable Communities strategy.

**Update at 24.8.10:**

1. This draft paper has been responded to by Hambleton and Harrogate LSPs. Hambleton would be willing to go along with the proposed direction, Harrogate is concerned about the future for LSPs, and the capacity at this time for committing to a way forward without more detail, see the proposal in 9 above.

**Recommendations:**

1. The ASP is asked to:
  - a) note the change in government documentation
  - b) decide whether it wishes to proceed with the approach and arrangements described above.

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Appendix 1: Ageing Well : (Improvement & Development Agency briefing )  
Appendix 2: Domains for Improvement (DWP self –assessment toolkit)

# Ageing Well

<http://www.idea.gov.uk/idk/core/page.do?pagelId=20344655>

## **Supporting local solutions to improve quality of life for older people.**

Older people in our society deserve every opportunity to age well, in communities that value their experience. Local concerns need local solutions. Local authorities can take the lead in developing innovative 'ageing well' approaches alongside partner agencies.

This is a challenging agenda. We are facing unprecedented reductions in public sector funding, at the same time there is an unprecedented increase in the numbers of older people.

The Ageing Well programme is designed to support local authorities to improve their services for older people within this challenging environment. It will be delivered by Local Government Improvement and Development.

## **How Local Government Improvement and Development is supporting councils**

Ageing Well is part of the Government's desire to shift power from Westminster to local people and their communities. The programme will encourage local authorities to take the lead and to work in partnership with other local organisations. This will help develop imaginative approaches to the issues faced in their particular community. An essential aspect of the programme is helping local authorities to improve efficiency while maintaining quality services.

The aims of the programme are to:

- provide a better quality of life for older people through local services that are designed to meet their needs, and which recognise the huge contribution that people in later life make to their local communities
- support authorities to improve efficiency whilst still delivering quality services
- encourage local authorities to engage with older people and to include them in service design and delivery
- encourage partnership working with other organisations to join-up services and provide innovative solutions to local issues.

In addition, it will support local authorities to use their resources effectively to:

- promote wellbeing in later life
- ensure that older people can live independently for longer
- engage older people in civic life
- tackle social isolation by recognising older people's potential.

The programme will both consolidate current best practice from local authorities and the lessons learned from earlier pilot activities, as well as harnessing leading innovative thinking.

The programme will be sector-led to:

- draw on the best practice and the most promising innovation
- provide peer challenge to enable local authorities to identify opportunities for greater efficiency and productivity
- support local leadership at both a political and managerial level
- undertake 'bespoke' work to meet the needs of individual authorities.

There are no simple solutions, but there are a number of activities that councils can and should explore, including:

- **Strategic approaches:** Developing more strategic approaches to the reality of an ageing society, as small or incremental changes will not be sufficient to meet the scale of the challenge.
- **Partnership working:** Maximising efficiencies and effectiveness through greater partnership working council departments working with other public, voluntary and community sector bodies in an area ('back office' as well as 'service delivery'). Developing local solutions and delivering 'Places good to grow old in'.
- **Quality services:** Minimising any adverse impact of budget reductions on the wellbeing of older people.
- **Opportunities:** Doing more to harness the capabilities and energy of older people as part of delivering greater wellbeing for themselves, others and their community.
- **Innovation:** Drawing on innovative thinking to radically reappraise what the local area can realistically deliver, to whom and through what funding mechanisms.
- **Engaging and consulting:** Involving older people themselves in discussions about priorities and opportunities for improving their wellbeing.
- **Re-engineering:** Bringing systems in line with developing evidence about effective prevention and early intervention initiatives.

*The Ageing Well Programme is not a panacea. It does, however, provide local authorities with ready access to a wealth of evidenced good practice, peer challenge, support and leading edge innovation.*

Other Ageing Well sections

- [Ageing Well news, events and publications](#) updated 15 July 2010 The latest news and events relevant to the Ageing Well programme.
- **Later Life Performance Support Team:** IDA Local contact:

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# Self Assessment Tool

The following self assessment tool has been developed to assist local authorities and their partners to identify areas for improvement in order to make the shift towards 'promotion of independence, prevention and early intervention'.

It identifies 9 key domains which are important to this agenda:-

- Developing a Vision
- Involving Older People
- Whole Systems Working
- Leadership
- Service Delivery
- Service Design
- Commissioning for Independence
- Monitoring
- Quality