

# **REPORT TO ADULT SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

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### **LOOKING FORWARD TO THE FUTURE: A STRATEGY FOR THE 50+ POPULATION OF SUNDERLAND**

#### **1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to outline to the Board the current position of the 50+ Strategy and to generate discussion about the next steps in the implementation of the Strategy.

#### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The Older People's Partnership Action Group (OPPAG) has led the development of the 50+ Strategy, and the Board received a presentation at its meeting in December 2008. Within the current structure of the Sunderland Partnership, OPPAG sits within the Creating Inclusive Communities thematic group.

#### **3. CURRENT POSITION**

- 3.1 The strategy, as a document, is currently in final draft version. Given the changing structure of the Sunderland Partnership, discussions have been taking place with the Chair of the Sunderland Partnership about how best to implement the strategy and who should be responsible for progressing the priorities that the 50+ Strategy identifies. To aid this discussion, the priorities of the 50+ Strategy have been cross-referenced with the National Indicators, to identify in which Delivery and Improvement Board they best fit.

#### **4. POINTS FOR DISCUSSION**

- 4.1 OPPAG are keen to move forward with the Strategy and begin taking action to deliver the priorities of the Strategy, however there are a number of points OPPAG would like the Board to debate in order to aid the process of moving forward:
  - 4.1.1 Who has overall ownership of the 50+ Strategy – is it the Adult Social Care Partnership Board?
  - 4.1.2 What is the role of OPPAG in delivery of the Strategy - should it be to take forward the priorities that do not fit within a Delivery and Improvement Board?

- 4.1.3 How can OPPAG move forward with the Strategy, given that many of the Delivery and Improvement Boards are not fully operational?
- 4.1.4 How can we encourage the Delivery and Improvement Boards to adopt the priorities of the 50+ Strategy and be committed to achieving them?
- 4.1.5 Will the Adult Social Care Partnership Board monitor the progress of the Delivery and Improvement Board in relation to delivering the priorities of the 50+ Strategy and if so, how?
- 4.1.6 OPPAG sits within the Creating Inclusive Communities Thematic Group in the current Sunderland Partnership structure. Should this be reviewed given that the majority of its work is health and social care focused and should it therefore report to the Board?
- 4.2 OPPAG welcome the Board's views on the issues outlined above.

## **5. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 5.1 The Board are requested to discuss the points outlined in Section 4 and give guidance to OPPAG about how to move forward with the 50+ Strategy.