

Evidence and Information gathering for the Review Group's work focussing on the Quality of Life Strategy for Older People

17 August

Preliminary Review Group Meeting

The Review Group met for the first time to discuss scoping this review tonic in terms of:

- ◆ Drafting / agreeing Terms of Reference
- ◆ Coordinating dates of interim / progress meetings
- ◆ Establishing target date for finishing work and issue of final report
- ◆ Discussing evidence required
- ◆ Discussing witnesses
- ◆ Arranging witnesses needed for all themes

18 September

Theme 2: Rural Challenges

The Review Group:

- ◆ Received evidence from witnesses in relation to the Rural Challenge
- ◆ Questioned written and spoken evidence submitted to the panel

Witness statements received from

- Ann Lark - Day Services Manager: Age Concern MK
- Sandra Rankin - Sheltered Housing & Community Alarm Service Manager: MKC
- Sue Graham - Older People Services Manager: MKC

The Review Group also considered written evidence from Roland Payne - Housing Needs Manager: MKC

4 October

Theme 1: Transport

The Review Group:

- ◆ Received evidence from witnesses in relation to Transport
- ◆ Questioned written and spoken evidence submitted to the panel

Witness statements received from

- Ian Dyer – MKC: Passenger Transport Manager

- Nick Stacey – Age Concern MK: Commercial Operations Manager
- Jane Palmer– Age Concern: MK Home Services Manager
- Peter Scarland – Bus User Representative ^{c/o} MK Pensioners Association
- Councillor Chris Williams – MKC Cabinet Member for Transport and Planning

18 October

Theme 3: Delivering services to the Elderly

The Review Group:

- ◆ Received evidence from witnesses in relation to Delivering services to the Elderly
- ◆ Questioned written and spoken evidence submitted to the panel

Witness statements received from

- Ann Lark - Day Services Manager: Age Concern MK
- Stuart Jones - Home Improvement Agency (HIA) Manager: Age Concern MK
- Myrtle Benjamin - Deputy Chair Person of the African Caribbean Lunch Club
- Margaret Osborne - HIA service user
- Richard Solly - MKC: Community Safety Manager
- Tracy Chapman - MKC: Supporting People Co-ordinator
- Sway Gregory – MKC: Sheltered Housing Officer
- Lynette Gilman - MKC: Sheltered Housing Officer

30 October

Theme 4: Marginalisation

The Review Group:

- ◆ Received evidence from witnesses in relation to Marginalisation of the Elderly
- ◆ Questioned written and spoken evidence submitted to the panel

Witness statements received from

- Rachel Flowers – Assistant Director of Public Health: MKPCT
- Jane Palmer–Home Services Manager: Age Concern MK
- Lyn Davis – Crime & Safety Co-ordinator: Age Concern MK
- Brain Barton - Committee and Member Services Manager: Woughton Parish Council

17 November

Completion of Interim Report

Circulate Interim Report to Review Group Members for information, consideration and comment

Date: TBA

Invitation to Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Housing to discuss salient issues from the Review Group's work

24 January 2007

Final Report with recommendations presented to Social Care and Housing Policy Development Committee