

QUALITY OF LIFE STRATEGY FOR OLDER PEOPLE

**SOCIAL CARE AND HOUSING POLICY
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE 7th JUNE 2006**

Leisure, Learning and Culture Contribution

Service Area	Current Provision in Place for Older People	Long Term Strategy Plans
Libraries	<p>Provision of information about Council and community services in library and via website</p> <p>Wide range of general resources for local reference/books, tapes, CD's etc)</p> <p>Wide range of specialist resources (eg large print books, spoken word, adapted IT)</p> <p>Specialist services (Home Reader service, mobile library) for people not able to come to library</p> <p>Projects, events and displays reflecting needs and interests of local community.</p>	<p>Increased resources, services and facilities as funding allows (eg coffee facilities)</p> <p>Responsive service awaiting requests and input form older people's services</p>
Lifelong Learning	<p>Provision of some courses targeted at older people when commissioned</p> <p>Wide range of part time general courses during the day and evenings that attract older people such as lip reading and Yoga</p> <p>Range of specialist support to meet the needs of people with particular needs (e.g. adapted IT)</p>	<p>Responsive service awaiting requests and input form older people's services, recognising the value of adult learning's contribution to enabling older people to remain independent.</p> <p>The service is funded by the LSC, whose national policy is to reduce the funding available to support adult learning in favour of targeted funds for those I greatest need and most in need of support fro future employment. So other provision has to be commissioned to meet a need or self-financing.</p>

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<p>Leisure Facilities</p> <p>Council buildings have been upgraded in line with DDA requirements improving the access for disabled and/or older people.</p> <p>The community facilities that receive grant funding consulted with in terms of their user groups. Some provide reduced cost facilities to groups that may include older people.</p> <p>50+ sessions at Shenley, Woughton, Middleton and Bletchley</p> <p>Passport to Leisure allows a discounted access to a variety of leisure facilities in the MK area for older people (aged 60 yrs and over) and not in employment.</p> <p>Community Managed Buildings rely heavily on the Committee Members many of whom, are older people.</p> <p>Grant Aid funding allocations supporting older people were largely confined to a grant to Age Concern. On becoming a unitary authority, this was transferred to Older Peoples Services.</p> <p>Grant Aid</p> <p>The Reader Service receives a grant of £9660. This organisation supports people with limited or no sight many of whom are older people.</p> <p>Small ad hoc capital grants are awarded to community groups. In Year 05-06 there were three such grants to older people in Eaglestone, Bletchley and Bradville.</p> <p>Many organisations supported by Grant Aid rely very heavily on older volunteers many of whom are recently retired.</p>	<p>As maintenance budgets allow, upgrading of facilities to better accommodate older people particularly with equipment e.g. appropriate chairs, tables</p> <p>To continue with annual consultation on users of council facilities. In the process of being developed – budget implications</p> <p>New facilities and programmes as part of the Leisure Facilities Strategy</p> <p>New opportunities will emerge as new facilities open: Oakgrove, Tattenhoe Medbourne in line with Leisure Facilities Strategy.</p> <p>Lots of volunteering opportunities as MK expands and new buildings open</p> <p>Likely that this grant will continue into the future pending satisfactory monitoring and evaluation. Organisation considering a move to Pear Tree Bridge to enable closer working with Age Concern. On-going – budget allowing.</p> <p>Set to continue and expand. Potential to offer intergenerational opportunities if a budget could be found.</p>	
Outdoor Education	Adult sailing courses for up to 80 years of age. Powerboat courses for volunteer helpers	Multi activity courses in future

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Sports Development	<p>Both Active Communities projects (Bletchley and Woughton) have worked with sheltered housing within their bid areas to promote physical activity for the older people. The activity has mostly revolved around Armchair aerobics, bowls and dance.</p> <p>Consultation has been undertaken with older people within the Woughton Parish and this has identified needs which will be met through the successful application to Awards for All for lottery funding</p> <p>The Exercise on Prescription Service is now in place in partnership with PCT</p> <p>Everyday Sport Activator a joint funded post Parks Trust/MKC/Sport England will focus on Physical activity programmes(walking/cycling etc)</p>	<p>Activities to be delivered within the terms and conditions of the Awards for All grant criteria.</p> <p>Opportunity to undertake some more targeted work involving health and physical activity with Sports Development acting as a partner and facilitator.</p> <p>As new facilities emerge the scheme will be embraced. Oakgrove Leisure Centre next to join.</p> <p>Post holder appointed</p>
Community Development	<p>No specific provision for older people although Moorland's Centre in Beanhill does have a group session for older people primarily as a drop in facility, but they also run a small number of activities.</p> <p>Community worker with BME communities in Bletchley is trying to establish an older peoples group at the community house</p>	<p>Planned to continue as part of the Moorland's programme</p> <p>The initiative is still at a very early stage but it is intended to continue the work and perhaps develop the facility. This is dependant on response from the local community</p>
Economic Development	<p>Work commenced in 2005-6 to support the "tic toc" programme (access to jobs) in conjunction with Age Concern. However little support was required by Age concern however contact has continued</p> <p>Community Language Service provides interpreters and translators for clients working work older people</p>	<p>No specific work planned for 2006-7</p> <p>Work will continue</p>
Cultural Development	<p>No specific work with older people however, partners (Living Archive/Artworks/Madcap) supported or funded by MKC do work with older people.</p>	<p>No specific work planned for 2006-7</p>