

## **GROWING OLDER IN HEREFORDSHIRE**

**Report By: Director of Adult and Community Services**

### **Wards Affected**

County-wide

### **Purpose**

1. To receive a presentation on the findings and aims of the Herefordshire Partnership's Strategy 'Growing Older in Herefordshire'.

### **Financial Implications**

2. None identified.

### **Background**

3. The need to establish an overarching strategic approach towards older people in Herefordshire was recognised in 2005 and confirmed in the Council's Comprehensive Performance Assessment of that year.
4. In November 2005, the Herefordshire Partnership Board formally recommended that an Older People's Strategy for Herefordshire be developed and that the Council should take the lead in the strategy development process. This approach was endorsed by Cabinet and a small project team was established.
5. In order to inform the strategy production process, local and national documents, such as strategies and policies were analysed. In addition, three events were held to gather information and seek the views of local stakeholders.
6. The consultation document and appendices attached set out the work undertaken and detail five key aims. The draft document, enclosed separately for Members of the Committee and available to the public on request, is scheduled to be launched by 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2007 for an 8-week period of consultation. Responses will then be analysed and a finalised document will be adopted by the Partner organisations over the Summer.
7. Following on from this, the next stage in implementing this strategy is for the Herefordshire Partnership to identify lead organisations to develop detailed action plans for each of the aims.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT the draft of the Growing Older in Herefordshire Strategy be noted subject to any comments the Committee wishes to make.**

### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None identified