

Report to: **Cabinet**

Date: **6 April 2004**

By: **Director of Social Services**

Title of report: **Interim Commissioning Strategy Older People's Services April 2004**

Purpose of report: **To seek agreement to implement the proposed Older People's Commissioning Strategy**

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To agree to the implementation of the proposed Older People's Commissioning Strategy

1. Financial Appraisal

1.1 The proposals within the Older People's Commissioning Strategy are contained within the resource commitments previously agreed by Cabinet.

2. Background

2.1 The Joint Review of Social Services in 2001 and Social Services Inspectorate report on Older People's Services in 2003 placed significant emphasis on the development of a coherent commissioning strategy.

2.2 The proposed Older People's Commissioning Strategy is attached at Appendix 1. This sets out the planned development of services in the medium term, including resource commitments and performance targets for the next three years.

2.3 At present, Health colleagues are seeking to develop a Transformation Plan to address the need to modernise services and establish financial balance. An opportunity may therefore arise in the future to develop a joint strategy, but this would need to be based on clear resource commitments from health, as well as agreed service objectives.

3. Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendation

3.1 The proposed Older People's Commissioning Strategy presents a clear plan to develop services linked to agreed resource commitments and improved performance, thereby providing a framework for establishing better social care within East Sussex.

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