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| REPORT TO: | HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES | AGENDA ITEM: 6 |
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| REPORT FROM: | CHAIR OF COMMUNITY SCRUTINY | OPEN |
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| SUBJECT: | BEST VALUE REVIEW OF OLDER PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY | REF: Policy/Committees/eniron ser13/11/03 |
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1.0 Recommendations

1.1 It is recommended that:

- Member's views be reported to the Community Scrutiny Committee

2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 To respond to and comment on the County Council's Best Value Review of 'Older People in the Community'.

3.0 Detail

3.1 During the summer, Derbyshire County Council completed a major Best Value Review of 'Older People in the Community'. A copy of the Executive Summary is attached as Annexe A. This was the subject of a report to the Community Scrutiny Committee on 20th October who took the view that, as the review may have implications for a number of Council services, the Policy Committees should be consulted prior to finalising a response to the County Council.

3.2 The review is citizen based rather than service based. It focuses on four main themes that were originally identified through consultation with older people (defined as over 55 years of age). These themes are :

- ◆ Older people wish to live as long as possible in their homes, maximising independence, dignity and self respect.
- ◆ Older people wish to feel and be safe
- ◆ Older people wish to be healthy and reassured about health matters
- ◆ Older people wish to have a good quality of life

3.3 Within the main themes, a number of specific issues were addressed relating to :

- ◆ Partnerships (between agencies)

- ◆ Accommodation
- ◆ Information
- ◆ Transport
- ◆ Advocacy
- ◆ Safety
- ◆ Health issues
- ◆ Quality of life and a more positive image of older people.

3.4 Proposals and options for improvement are outlined and a 'Strategy for Older People Action Plan' is proposed.

Comment

3.5 Members may like to give consideration to how this review impacts on their work. Specifically :

- ◆ What implications, if any, does the report have on this Committee's and the Council's policies ?
- ◆ Is the Council already implementing any of the proposals and options for improvement ?
- ◆ Are any of the proposed actions in line with current policy ?
- ◆ Where and how does this review fit in with the 'Supporting People Strategy' ? (This is only relevant to H&C Services)
- ◆ Does the committee have any service development proposals that support the themes identified in the review ?

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 There may be resource implications for actions, particularly of a partnership nature, arising from the review.

5.0 Conclusions

5.1 The County Council has undertaken a Best Value Review of Older People in the Community. Community Scrutiny Committee has requested the comments of the Policy Committees on matters relating thereto.