COUNCIL	Agenda Item 48
28 January 2010	Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject:	**Older People and Community Safety: Scrutiny Panel Report**			
Date of Meeting:	**28 January 2010**			
Report of:	**Director of Strategy & Governance**			
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Wards Affected:	All			

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

1.1 The Council's Constitution (Part 6.1 Paragraph 15.4) requires reports from Overview & Scrutiny Panels and Select Committees, together with the Executive response to these reports, to be reported to full Council for information.

1.2 **Appendix A** to this report is the Overview & Scrutiny Panel report on Older People and Community Safety. **Appendix B** to this report is the response to the Older People and Community Safety report, including an appended implementation plan Appendix B(2), considered by Cabinet on 9 December 2009. **Appendix C** is an extract from the minutes of the Cabinet meeting.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

2.1 That the Older People and Community Safety Scrutiny Panel's report of findings and recommendations; and the Cabinet's response to the report; be noted.

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3.1 A cross-party working group of Members of the Environment and Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Committee (ECSOSC) comprising Councillors Warren Morgan, Tony Janio and Ian Davey, considered priority issues for scrutiny in October 2008. The group identified the importance of fear of crime to older people in the City and improved information for older people; as a key issue. This had been raised at a recent Community Safety Forum by the Director of Age Concern.

3.2 The Environment and Community Safety Overview & Scrutiny Committee (ECSOSC) subsequently agreed to establish a scrutiny panel on older people and community safety with a remit to investigate:

- To what extent are the views of older people known, regarding community safety?
- Do older people have specific concerns about safety in the community?
- How can older people be helped to feel safer in the community?

3.3 Councillors Mo Marsh (Chair), Amy Kennedy, David Smart, David Watkins with co-optee from the Older People's Council, John Eyles, served on the Panel.

3.3 The Panel's completed report was endorsed by the Environment and Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 14 September 2009 and referred to the Council's Executive.

3.5 Cabinet considered the report on 9 December 2009 and agreed the actions as detailed in the implementation plan.

4. CONSULTATION

4.1 No formal consultation has been undertaken in compiling this report.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

5.1 The overall approach is to deliver the recommendations within existing resources. However, the implementation plan (App B(2)) will be the mechanism through which any necessary additional resources are identified. Should that be the case, the timescales of implementation will be set accordingly and a commentary included within future progress reports.

Finance Officer Consulted: Patrick Rice Date: 25 Nov 09

Legal Implications:

5.2 As indicated in paragraphs 1.1 and 2.1 above, and in accordance with the council's procedure rules on overview and scrutiny, this report is purely for Council to note. There are no further legal implications arising directly from the report.

Equalities Implications:

5.3 None specific to this report for information. Please see the implications on the attached report to Cabinet.

Sustainability Implications:

5.4 None specific to this report for information. Please see the implications on the attached report to Cabinet.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

5.5 None specific to this report for information. Please see the implications on the attached report to Cabinet.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

5.6 None specific to this report for information. Please see the implications on the attached report to Cabinet.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

5.7 None specific to this report for information. Please see the implications on the attached report to Cabinet.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

A. The Overview & Scrutiny Report on Older People and Community Safety

B. The 9 December 2009 Cabinet response to the Older People and Community Safety Report and implementation plan [App B (2)]

C. Extract from the minutes of the 9 December 2009 Cabinet meeting.

Documents in Members' Rooms:
None

Background Documents:
None