

PART 1 - PUBLIC

Decision Maker: Adult and Community PDS Committee

Date: 14th April 2010

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Non-Executive Non-Key

Title: FINDINGS FROM THE ACS TRANSPORT REFERENCE GROUP

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Ward: All

1. Reason for report

In September 2009 the Adult and Community PDS Committee established the Transport Reference Group to review transport provision across the Borough. This report outlines the findings and recommendations of the Reference Group.

2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

The Committee is requested to endorse the report and recommendations from the Transport Reference Group.

Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing policy.
 2. BBB Priority: Supporting Independence.
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: Estimated cost £6,000
 2. Ongoing costs: Non-recurring cost. It has been recommended that the Bromley Mobility Forum is initially established for one year.
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Environment Local Implementation Plan Funding
 4. Total current budget for this head: £40,000 for Mobility and Access
 5. Source of funding: TfL Grant
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Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): 0
 3. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: Meetings of the Transport Reference Group were supported by 1 Officer from Adult and Community Services and 1 Officer from Legal, Democratic and Customer Services
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: No statutory requirement or Government guidance.
 2. Call-in: Call-in is not applicable. This report does not involve an executive decision.
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): The effective provision of transport services affects all residents of the Borough.
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? N/A.
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments:

3. COMMENTARY

- 3.1 The Care Quality Commission (CQC) is the new independent regulator of all health and adult social care provided by the NHS, local authorities, voluntary organisations and private companies in England as well as primary care trusts and local councils in their commissioning of health and social care services. It aims to provide assurance that basic core standards are being met, improvements are being sought, healthcare services are providing value for money and performance information is being brought together to support informed decision making by patients, the public and NHS staff.
- 3.2 Through the NHS Health Check Working Group, this Committee can exercise its health scrutiny role by enabling Members to consider the quality of health and adult social care delivered across the Borough, and report their findings to the CQC if this is felt to be necessary.
- 3.3 In late 2006 this Committee set up a Member Working Group to consider how it could contribute more effectively to the Annual Health Check process in 2006/07 and in future years. The Working Group was re-appointed for 2009/10. It comprises Councillors Judi Ellis (Chairman), Carole Hubbard, Charles Rideout and Brenda Thompson. The terms of reference of the Health Check Working Group were amended following the abolition of the Annual Health Check and the introduction of new reporting procedures to the CQC. Guidance from the CQC advises overview and scrutiny committees that a commentary about the NHS Trust's declaration in Bromley for the NHS performance ratings in 2009/10 is no longer necessary. Instead, the CQC invites overview and scrutiny committees to consider the quality of health and adult social care delivered across the Borough, providing information as appropriate.
- 3.4 During 2009/10 the Working Group has met on six occasions to review its terms of reference, plan a work programme, interview senior representatives of South London NHS Trust, Bromley Primary Care Trust, Oxleas NHS Trust and the Ambulance Service, and decide on the issues that it wishes to comment on (see report at Appendix 1).

Non-Applicable Sections:	Policy Implications, Financial Implications, Legal Implications, Personnel Implications
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	<p><i>Access to Transport Services within the London Borough of Bromley for Older People, People with Learning disabilities; Mental Health Problems; Physical Disabilities; and Sensory Impairment. (18 January 2010)</i></p> <p><i>Transport Review Report presented to the Health, Social Care and Housing Partnership Board (25 January 2010)</i></p> <p><i>Transport Review Report presented to the Health, Social Care and Housing Partnership Board (22 March 2010)</i></p> <p><i>Notes from the Transport Reference Group Meetings Held on 2 November 2009, 7 December 2009, 4 February 2010, 4 March 2010 and 29 March 2010.</i></p>