

Decision Maker: CARE SERVICES POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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

Title: REPORT FROM THE MOBILITY FORUM

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Chief Officer: Executive Director of Education, Care & Health Services

Ward: (All Wards);

1. Reason for report

The report provides a progress update on work being carried out by the Bromley Mobility Forum. The Council has funded the Mobility Forum since 2010. As a result of the recent review of partnership arrangements the Forum was designated as a “task and finish” group so it is timely to consider the future of the Forum. A report from the Forum on its activities is attached as Appendix 1.

2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

The Care Services PDS Committee is asked to note the work of the Forum and to consider whether there are any future priorities which could be commissioned from the Forum.

Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status::
 2. BBB Priority: Safer Bromley Supporting Independence Vibrant, Thriving Town Centres:
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: £6,000 in 2013/14
 2. Ongoing costs: N/A
 3. Budget head/performance centre: 8249003433 Forum SLAs
 4. Total current budget for this head: £9720
 5. Source of funding: ECHS revenue funding – Care Services
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Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): N/A
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours:
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: None:
 2. Call-in: Not Applicable:
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): Residents of the borough who have disabilities and/or mobility problems
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Not Applicable
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments:

3. COMMENTARY

- 3.1 On 14th April 2010 the Adult and Community Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee endorsed recommendations from the Transport Reference Group, including the establishment of a Bromley Mobility Forum, initially time limited for one year as the Forum was funded from TfL funding. The Committee received update reports in January and June 2011 and subsequently funding 2011/12 and 2013/14 has been found from mainstream Education Care and Health Services departmental funding.
- 3.2 The Mobility Forum was included in the review of partnership arrangements considered by this Committee in June 2013 when it was agreed that the Mobility Forum would become one of a number of task and finish groups, with clear terms of reference focused on delivering projects and tasks identified as priorities by the Council.
- 3.3 An update from the Mobility Forum is attached at Appendix 1 which demonstrates the range of activities carried out by the Forum, many of which have a wider impact than solely on services users known to Education Care and Health Services. The focus of the Forum's work complements the department's objectives related to enabling people with disabilities to access mainstream, rather than commissioned specialist services, where possible thereby reducing reliance on Council funded services. Their work is particularly relevant to future consideration of the strategies for children and adults transport services.
- 3.4 Members are asked to consider whether there are any further priorities for the Forum, whether related to Care Services or wider Council objectives for the Forum, beyond the current funding period which ends in March 2014.

4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 In working with transport providers, service providers and public sector organisations to make mainstream services more accessible to people with disabilities, the Mobility Forum contributes to the Council's Building a Better Bromley priority to support independence.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Funding for the Mobility Forum is £6,000 per annum to cover administration support costs.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Legal, Personnel
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Report LDCS10070 14 th April 2010. Findings from the ACS Transport Reference Group Report LDCS11019 25 th January 2011. Update on the Mobility Forum Report RES11035 14 th June 2011. Update on the Mobility Forum Report CS13010 18 th June 2013. Review of partnership arrangements - new approach