

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL**CABINET MEETING**
24TH NOVEMBER 2005**Worcestershire Supporting People Strategy 2005 - 2010**

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COMMUNITY STRATEGY THEME	Improved Health and Wellbeing
CORPORATE PLAN THEME:	Enabling Community Wellbeing
KEY PRIORITY:	Housing and Independent Living
CABINET MEMBER:	Councillor Mrs. A.T. Hingley
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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise Members of the completion of the consultation process on the Draft Supporting People Strategy 2005-2010 and to request its adoption by the Council.

2. RECOMMENDATION

The Cabinet is asked to RECOMMEND to Council that:

- 2.1 **The Worcestershire Supporting People Strategy 2005-2010 is agreed and adopted.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 A report entitled "Supporting People – Progress Report and Five Year Strategy" was presented to Cabinet on 14th April 2005 and Full Council on 20th April 2005, where the Draft Worcestershire Supporting People Strategy was approved prior to a three month consultation process by Worcestershire County Council. A verbal report on the Draft Strategy was also given to the Housing, Health and Rural Affairs Panel by the Housing Cabinet Member on 19th April 2005. The consultation process, which was eventually extended into October 2005, has now been completed. As part of this consultation, every District Council Member was sent a copy of the Strategy and invited to participate in the consultation. There was also an open invitation to attend a Member consultation event held on 11th October 2005. Other presentations and events have been held to engage with providers, stakeholders and service users.

4. KEY ISSUES

- 4.1 All of the consultation feedback has been received and considered by Worcestershire County Council in consultation with the Supporting People Strategy Group. This has concluded that apart from amending some typographical errors and some minor word changes, the Draft Strategy will remain in its current form and be presented to Worcestershire County Council Cabinet early in the New Year. It is felt that the strategic direction of the document, which is underpinned by extensive research and policy guidance, sets a clear framework for future work prioritisation. Council officers have fully participated in the development of the document and would endorse this view.
- 4.2 All partners to the Supporting People Partnership, that is the six Worcestershire District Councils, the Worcestershire Primary Care Trusts and the West Mercia Probation Service are now being asked by Worcestershire County Council to endorse the current Draft Worcestershire Supporting People Strategy 2005-2010.
- 4.3 Officers would recommend that Council formally adopts the Strategy.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The Supporting People Strategy is expected to be delivered within the existing Supporting People resources, including any savings made through the service review process.

6. LEGAL AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 No legal implications. The Strategy will impact upon the Council's Housing and Homelessness Strategies in terms of supporting vulnerable and older people in Wyre Forest.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 7.1 Worcestershire County Council as the Administering Authority bears the full financial risk of the Supporting People programme.

8. CONCLUSION

- 8.1 The Supporting People Strategy has been subject to countywide consultation and now requires adoption by the Council so that the strategic objectives can be delivered.

9. CONSULTEES

- 9.1 Chief Executive

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 10.1 The Draft Worcestershire Supporting People Strategy 2005-2010 has been forwarded to all Members. This document can also be viewed on:
<http://www.spkweb.org.uk/NR/rdonlyres/B7842D06-BEB2-4BFF-A832-B70E11BF745E/5007/FinalA4SPstrategy.pdf>

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