

Maidstone Borough Council

Community, Environment and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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A proposed model to identify Lonely and Isolated over 65s of Maidstone (also includes Bereavement Services)

Report of: Tessa Mallett, Overview and Scrutiny Officer

1. Introduction

- 1.1 As part of the committees review into Loneliness and Isolation in the over 65s of Maidstone borough, at their meeting of 11 November 2014 the committee invited witnesses to help them identify where the majority of lonely and isolated over 65 year old Maidstone borough residents lived. The committee established there was no reliable local data available.
- 1.2 The committee requested that the Community Partnership Manager be asked to co-ordinate existing resources to develop a model to identify where the greatest number of lonely and isolated over 65 years olds resided in the borough of Maidstone. When developing the model elderly residents be involved, together with representatives from ethnic and other minority groups. This report and its appendices are attached.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Committee considers the proposals in the attached report from the Community Partnership Manager and make any recommendations it considers necessary.

3 Impact on Corporate Objectives

- 3.1 The Strategic Plan sets the Council's key objectives for the medium term and has a range of objectives which support the delivery of the Council's priorities.
- 3.2 The Committee will consider reports that deliver against the following priorities:
 - 'For Maidstone to have a growing economy' and 'For Maidstone to be a decent place to live'.