



BROMLEY COUNCIL ON AGEING SPRING 2011

CONSULTATION ON COUNCIL PROPOSALS FOR CHANGES TO ITS CHARGING POLICY

Nearly 70 people attended the meeting held jointly by Bromley Council on Ageing, Age Concern Bromley and Carers Bromley on 23rd February to discuss the proposed changes to personal budgets and charges for older people and carers.

In our joint response to the Council we raised our concerns that the removal of subsidies and increasing charges would put vital services out of reach of many people, particularly those who only just fail to qualify for financial assistance.

We pointed out that the Prevention Agenda was not being taken into account and the proposals could end up costing the Council more in the long term than is secured in the short term.

For a copy of our full response please contact mail@bromleycoa.org.uk

BROMLEY SOUTH STATION will be getting an upgrade in time for the 2012 Olympics. New lifts are being installed, which will make all the platforms easily accessible. For more information about the project please contact Gary Nolan, Community Relations
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2011 CENSUS



The more Census forms that are filled in, the more grant money Bromley Council is entitled to from Central Government, so please do complete and return your census form.

What is Bromley Council on Ageing?

Bromley Council on Ageing is the forum for voluntary and community sector organisations and for individuals with an interest in older people's issues that work with or on behalf of older people in Bromley. Now in our fifteenth successful year, the forum is invited to participate in increasing numbers of partnership activities, and involved in delivering more consultation with our voluntary sector members and with older service users. The work we do to promote the involvement of older people as service users and carers is particularly in demand due to new national policy agenda.

OLDER PEOPLES PANEL—CRIME PREVENTION

Around 30 panel members at our February meeting heard Rob Vale from the Bromley Council Trading Standards Team talk about how to avoid becoming a victim of a scam. Scams are schemes to con you out of money, and can take a variety of forms such as unsolicited prize draws and lotteries. If something sounds too good to be true, then it probably is!



Bogus callers, or distraction burglars, trick their way into people's homes to steal money and valuables while the householder's attention is elsewhere. If you have been plagued by doorstep sellers, particularly if you have been tricked into having work done that you didn't need, contact the Trading Standards team 0208 313 4830. Finally, if you have a door chain—use it!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR WINNING A PRIZE IN OUR LUCKY DRAWS:-Completed Consultation Form—Mrs Estelle Cox

Completed Bus survey form- Mrs Kath Goodwin

TELEPHONES IN A POWER CUT

Some of you may have noticed that in the event of a power cut your telephone stops working. If you are dependent on the telephone use a handset that is not **wireless**. A standard, hard-wired telephone will be fine as the power is taken from the line and not the socket.

BROMLEY HEALTHCARE



Mary Porter, a Council on Ageing Trustee, has been elected as a governor for Bromley Healthcare, which is the partnership that will deliver community health services to the

people of Bromley in the future.

Contact Bromley Council on Ageing

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 18th May 2011

Members Meeting

Housing for Older People

12.30pm until 2.30pm

Older Peoples Panel Meeting

Assistive Technology

26th May 2011

10-30am followed by buffet lunch

All meetings will be held at
Community House, South Street,
Bromley

WE NEED YOU!! - are you an older person who is interested in bringing the perspective of older people to various working groups and committees? Why don't you join our Older Peoples Panel? There is no charge. For more information please call Evelyn Collington on 0208 325 9788

Visit our website for more information at
www.bromleycoa.org.uk