

Report to the Cabinet

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 13 September 2018

Report of the Executive Director of Adult Services and Health & Wellbeing

Part I

Electoral Division affected:
All Divisions

Housing with Care and Support Strategy 2018 – 2025

(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Executive Summary

The draft Housing with Care and Support Strategy 2018 – 2025, as set out at Appendix 'A', outlines the county council's proposals in relation to the development of Housing with Care and Support for older adults and younger adults with disabilities.

This is deemed to be a Key Decision and the provisions of Standing Order C19 have been complied with.

Recommendation

Cabinet is asked to:

- (i) Endorse the draft Housing with Care and Support Strategy 2018 – 2025, as set out at Appendix 'A'.
- (ii) Approve the undertaking of consultation with key partners on the draft Strategy.
- (iii) Authorise the Executive Director of Adult Services and Health & Wellbeing, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Adult Services and the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing, to make any necessary amendments to the Strategy at the conclusion of the consultation.

Background and Advice

There is a lack of suitable modern housing to support adults with care and support needs across Lancashire, which means that some people move into residential care prematurely or some people receive care and support in housing that is not ideal.

The draft Strategy, as set out at Appendix 'A', reflects the principles and vision outlined in Lancashire's Extra Care Strategy and Specialist Housing Strategy (2014), but seeks to provide a summarised document which will be accessible to, and used for, engaging a wider audience as part of a collaborative approach in developing Housing with Care and Support. The development of Extra Care has not progressed in the way expected at the time, largely due to financial uncertainty regarding the welfare reforms in relation to housing benefit which have now been resolved.

Our ambition is to work with our key partners to develop a range of high quality Housing with Care and Support schemes across Lancashire by 2025 for both older adults and younger adults with disabilities. This will enable many more people to remain safe and independent in a suitable home environment that connects them to other people, their community, and services they need or might need in the future.

The key messages of the Strategy are as follows:

- Housing with Care and Support is purpose built or adapted housing with the availability of up to 24/7 care and support.
- We are seeking an open and collaborative relationship with partners and the public to deliver this strategy.
- We want to work with our partners to develop a range of high quality housing that can better meet people's care and support needs and promote their health, wellbeing and independence.
- We need to reduce our reliance on residential care by ensuring alternative options are available to help us manage the growing demand and financial pressures.
- We are aiming to have at least one Extra Care scheme for older adults in each district and about 1,000 homes by 2025.
- We are aiming to have more smaller-scale Flat Schemes for younger adults with disabilities.
- We want to benefit the wider housing market through regeneration and releasing family housing.
- There are clear opportunities for existing and new providers to develop Housing with Care and Support options across Lancashire.

In order to ensure that the Strategy is implemented, we will develop a county-wide Housing with Care and Support delivery plan in partnership with the district councils and other key stakeholders that is sufficiently flexible to deal with local needs. Housing providers, developers and potential private investors will be engaged in the discussions about what new developments, or remodelling of existing stock, is possible.

Consultations

The report is seeking approval to consult with partners on the draft Strategy.

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk Management

No significant risks have been identified.

Legal

Legal services will review the final strategy to identify and provide advice on any legal issues arising.

Procurement

Any care and support in schemes commissioned by the council will be secured in accordance with procurement regulations and the council's own procurement rules.

Financial

The Strategy outlines that the county council is aiming to deliver the new Housing with Care and Support schemes without making a capital contribution. However, the county council may be prepared to contribute resources in the form of land where this would be required to make the scheme financially viable. In exceptional circumstances, the county council may make a financial contribution where there is a strategic need for a service which could not proceed without such a capital contribution.

This will enable many more people to remain safe and independent in a suitable home environment that connects them to other people, their community, and services they need or might need in the future. In addition this should result in lower costs for the county council, as alternative provision such as residential care would be more costly.

The capital and revenue implications of each specific scheme will be the subject of future Cabinet reports as appropriate. The financial implications of the Chorley Extra Care Scheme are outlined in a separate report which will also be considered by Cabinet on 13 September 2018.

Equality and Cohesion

The Strategy seeks to promote increased provision for older adults and younger adults with disabilities. People with all protected characteristics who meet the eligibility criteria will be able to access Housing with Care and Support schemes. Consequently, there will be no adverse impact on any group as a result of new Housing with Care and Support schemes.

List of Background Papers

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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A