

Health Scrutiny Committee

Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 2 April 2019

Electoral Division affected:
(All Divisions);

Housing with Care and Support Strategy 2018 - 2025

(Appendices 'A', 'B' and 'C' refer)

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Executive Summary

This report provides an update on the implementation of the county council's Housing with Care and Support Strategy 2018 – 2025.

Recommendation

The Health Scrutiny Committee is asked to:

- i. support the intention to promote the development of more Extra Care Schemes for older adults and Flat Schemes for younger adults with disabilities;
- ii. provide feedback on the draft Strategy, as set out at Appendix 'A', prior to it being finalised following consultation; and
- iii. note the current position and progress in relation to Extra Care Schemes for older adults and Flat Schemes for younger adults with disabilities.

Background and Advice

On 13 September 2018, and in recognition that there is a lack of suitable modern housing to support people with care and support needs across Lancashire, the county council's Cabinet endorsed a draft Housing with Care and Support Strategy 2018 – 2025 ("draft Strategy"), as set out at Appendix 'A', and approved the undertaking of consultation with key partners.

The county council's ambition is to work with 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. These are encapsulated in the draft Strategy's vision:

"By working with our partners to develop innovative Housing with Care and Support options so more people have choice about where they live and receive care and support, and are supported to live independently and have a better quality of life."

The key messages of the draft 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.

It should be noted that:

- the county council's 'modernisation of supported housing' savings proposal, approved by Full Council on 14 February 2019, is predicated on the development of more Flat Schemes for younger adults with disabilities (<http://council.lancashire.gov.uk/mgAi.aspx?ID=64954>)
- the draft Strategy complements the county council's:
 - new corporate strategy entitled 'Our Vision for Lancashire', approved by Full Council also on 14 February 2019 (<http://council.lancashire.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=16140>); and
 - 'Care, Support and Wellbeing of Adults in Lancashire – Our Vision', approved by Cabinet on 11 October 2018 (<http://council.lancashire.gov.uk/ieIssueDetails.aspx?Id=76704&Opt=3>).

Following Cabinet's endorsement of the draft Strategy, the county council has been undertaking preparatory work. As effective partnership working is essential to deliver the draft Strategy, this has mainly involved early engagement with district councils and the NHS through a combined workshop, dialogue with the Integrated Care System Board, initial discussions at a Lancashire Chief Executives meeting and a series of local meetings to explore potential development sites and service models. To date there has been a strong appetite to collaborate.

In addition, the county council has been obtaining guidance and assistance from specialist advisers at the Local Government Association and advice from Homes

England, the government's housing accelerator, about their specialised housing and affordable homes funding programmes. We are also taking steps to produce a new detailed needs analysis at a district and neighbourhood level to ensure an evidence based approach to implementation of the draft Strategy.

Appendix 'B' provides a district level summary of the current position in relation to both purpose built Extra Care Schemes for older adults and Flat Schemes for younger adults with disabilities.

Consultations

A public consultation has been undertaken with key stakeholders, such as district councils, clinical commissioning groups, care providers and housing providers. The county council received 121 responses to the consultation. Respondents indicated a strong degree of support for the proposals. Agreement with each of the proposals was at no time less than 69% and the average percentage of those who agreed across all proposals was 77%. Many respondents provided further feedback about the draft Strategy, including their concerns.

The report at Appendix C provides details of the consultation approach, a summary of the key findings and an overview of the next steps.

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

No significant risks have been identified.

Legal

Legal services will provide advice on any legal issues arising as individual Housing with Care and Support schemes are progressed.

Procurement

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

Financial

The draft Strategy outlines that the county council is aiming to promote the delivery of 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 or to help in case making to secure funding from outside agencies where appropriate. 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.

The capital and revenue (relating to care and support) implications of each specific scheme will be the subject of future Cabinet report as appropriate.

Equality and Cohesion

The draft Strategy seeks to promote increased choice and 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.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
Report to Cabinet: Housing with Care and Support Strategy 2015 – 2018 http://council.lancashire.gov.uk/ielssueDetails.aspx?IId=76618&Opt=3	13/09/2018	Sarah McCarthy, 01772 540551; Craig Frost, 01282 470823

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A