



## ADULT SERVICES AND HEALTH COMMISSION 3 September 2007

Report of the Director of Corporate and Adult Services

### **Consultation on the Proposals to close Bramblebrook House**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

- 1.1 To receive the Council Cabinet's option appraisal report for Residential Homes for Older People 2007/8
- 1.2 To agree a process for responding to the consultation on the proposals for closure of Bramblebrook House.

#### **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 2.1 The demand for residential care is falling as more people are being supported at home in line with their and the national policy direction to support older people in their own homes wherever possible
- 2.2 Reduced demand means the overall vacancy rate in Council-owned eight residential homes for older people is increasing. The independent sector has also reported a slowdown in demand over time, meaning that there is increasing capacity in this sector.
- 2.3 In response to the vacancy rates in the Council's residential care home the Council Cabinet considered the attached options appraisal report at their 31 July meeting. The main proposal within the report seeks the closure of Bramblebrook House. The Council Cabinet therefore agreed to begin consultation on a closure of a residential home for older people.
- 2.4 The formal consultation period will run for 90 days and will finish on 29 October.
- 2.5 Members are asked to receive the options appraisal report and give their considered response to the closure. Since the closure of the care home is a sensitive issue and the formal consultation period ends on 29 October, the Commission may wish to consider the proposals in more depth by asking for views from other stakeholders. Members may wish to seek the views of the residents before making their recommendations.

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<b>Background papers:</b>	None
<b>List of appendices:</b>	Appendix 1 - Implications Appendix 2 - Options Appraisal for Council's Residential Homes for Older People 2007/8 Report

## Appendix 1

### IMPLICATIONS

#### Financial

1. There will be financial implications as a result of the closure of Bramblebrook House.

#### Legal

2. None.

#### Personnel

3. None arising from this report.

#### Equalities impact

4. Many of the residents of Bramblebrook House are elderly people in their eighties and nineties.

#### Corporate Priorities

5. This report links with Council's priority for 2007-10 to help us all to be healthy and active.
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