



HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD
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ITEM 08

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Consultation on the draft Older Persons' Housing Strategy

Purpose

- 1.1 To inform members of the Health and Wellbeing Board of the details on the ongoing consultation on the Older Persons' Housing Strategy.
- 1.2 To highlight the key elements of the strategy and proposed actions for improving housing for older people in Derby.

Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 That members of the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) note the contents of the draft strategy.
- 2.2 That members participate in the current consultation and promote the public consultation to relevant key partners and stakeholders.

Reason

- 3.1 To help ensure that the proposals outlined in the strategy are disseminated widely, duly and appropriately considered and that as a consequence, decision-making is robust.

Supporting information

Background

- 4.1 Housing is of critical importance. Good quality, well managed housing is inextricably linked with health and well being; enhancing the quality of life of adults and the life chances of children. It not only provides shelter, but promotes stability and a sense of identity.
- 4.2 Providing housing of suitable quantity and quality is therefore a key priority in Derby. Similarly, providing support where necessary to enable vulnerable people to access and continue to live in their own homes is also a priority.

4.3 The proposed strategy addresses the Council's statutory obligations in respect of provision of housing advice and assistance and the assessment of housing need under the Housing Act 1985

4.4 Derby's current Older Person's Housing Strategy expired in 2018.

Strategic Context

4.5 The availability of suitable accommodation for older people¹ is under particular pressure as the older population continues to increase in size at a faster rate than the increase in housing supply. The support services sometimes necessary to help older people live independently are also subject to continuing funding pressures.

4.6 The new strategy analyses in more detail this continuing and rising need for housing and support. It assesses and plans for the current and future needs of the local population for the ten year period to 2029.

4.7 It establishes 4 over-arching priorities, which are to:

- a) Improve the range and accessibility of information, advice and support services.
- b) Expand the availability of good quality housing, both for rent and purchase, better enabling older people to live in suitable housing of their choice
- c) Implement measures to help people stay independent in their own homes for longer
- d) Help people move to more appropriate housing when their current housing becomes unsuitable or unmanageable

4.8 It sets out a number of key actions. These include the development of an Older Persons' Housing Investment Prospectus, an increased focus on additional provision of Extra Care Housing, the development of additional bungalows where viable, and the setting out of a more detailed action plan informed by annual business planning and the consultation feedback.

4.9 More detail on these priorities and proposed actions will be provided in a presentation in the meeting.



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¹ Generally, housing for older people refers to housing for people 55 years and older. In some cases, information we rely on that is provided by government and other agencies might use other age ranges, such as over 60 or over 65.

Public/stakeholder engagement

- 5.1 A comprehensive engagement and consultation process is on going. Details and how to participate can be found at: www.derby.gov.uk/yourcityyoursay.
- 5.2 A full equalities impact assessment will be conducted on the final draft of the strategy.

Other options

- 6.1 No credible alternative options: The current strategy is out of date and needs to be reviewed, to ensure that our new priorities for investment and service provision are based on up to date and robust information

Financial and value for money issues

- 7.1 None directly arising as this report is for information purposes only and does not request an expenditure decision or the provision of resources.

Legal implications

- 8.1 None directly arising.

Other significant implications

- 9.1 None directly arising.

This report has been approved by the following people:

Role	Name	Date of sign-off
Legal Finance Service Director(s)		

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