



Derby City Council

**ADULTS, HEALTH AND HOUSING CABINET
MEMBER MEETING
19 June 2018**

ITEM 3

Report of the Strategic Director for Communities and Place

Updated Older Persons Housing Strategy 2019-2029: Consultation

SUMMARY

- 1.1 Derby's current Older Person's Housing and Support Strategy 2015-2018 is ready for review and renewal. The new strategy will demonstrate the continuing and rising need for older persons housing and support and will assess and plan for the current and future needs of the local population until 2029.
- 1.2 The new strategy will outline how we will:
 - a) assess and plan for current and future housing needs of the local older population
 - b) make the best use of existing housing stock
 - c) plan and facilitate new supply, designed to meet both housing need and aspirational demand
 - d) continue to link housing with the support services which vulnerable people may need in order to live in their homes, such as Extra Care schemes
 - e) empower older people to make informed decisions and choices about their housing and support needs.
- 1.3 As part of the process of developing the new strategy, we need to consult widely to ensure that the views of all stakeholders are taken into account.
- 1.4 The proposed consultation process is provided in Appendix 2.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To agree to the consultation.
- 2.2 To approve the consultation process as set out in appendix 2.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To ensure that the strategy takes into account the views of key stakeholders, fulfilling our corporate duty to consult.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 There are a number of key national drivers and changing aspirations that are already changing the way we think about how we fund and provide housing for older people. There is now a huge emphasis on choice and the need to seek housing and care solutions that are more positive and attractive.
- 4.2 The continuing changes in the composition and numbers of older people means that older people are living much longer and the majority of older people will live until the end of their lives in their own home. Many of the solutions are currently being implemented, such as home adaptations, which support people to live at home for longer.
- 4.3 However, the need to provide increased choice for older people, particularly people with health conditions and mobility issues continues to rise. The new strategy will consider the range of specialised accommodation that we provide and should consider providing in the future. It considers these alongside the significant health and social care challenges we are now facing, such as increasing levels of Dementia.
- 4.4 The Council will continue to need to play a key strategic role in supporting and enabling efforts by housing providers, adult social care services, primary care and health trusts and private and third sector organisations to meet the housing needs of older people. Any update to the existing strategy will therefore require that it is developed in consultation with its stakeholders. Our approach to this consultation is shown in the Consultation Plan in Appendix 2.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 The current strategy is out of date and needs to be reviewed, to ensure that our new priorities for investment and services are based on credible local information.
- 5.2 The Council could choose not to update its Older Persons Strategy, but this would risk the Council's and other partners interventions becoming outdated, less effective and inefficient and would not therefore best meet the housing and support needs of older people in the City.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

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| Legal officer Financial officer Human Resources officer Estates/Property officer Service Director(s) Other(s) | Olu Idowu, Head of Legal Services Mazer Hussain, Group Accountant. Liz Moore, Head of HR Ann Webster, Equality Lead. Ian Fullagar, Head of Strategic Housing |
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IMPLICATIONS**Financial and Value for Money**

- 1.1 None, as this report seeks authority to consult only. Should any future actions arising from the finalised strategy result in a recommendation which would incur additional costs in the future, a separate report will be presented which will detail the costs and funding arrangements.
- 1.2 Consultation will be facilitated internally from existing resources, take place online and in addition tagged onto an existing forum avoiding additional costs.

Legal

- 2.1 None directly arising.

Personnel

- 3.1 None directly arising.

Equalities Impact

- 4.1 The strategy is intended to provide a framework covering our actions in relation to housing for older people across all tenures. Many older people are disabled and are also on low incomes; subsequently they can find it relatively more difficult to access suitable housing. The strategy when implemented should have a beneficial effect on this group.
- 4.2 Any review of the strategy will require an equality impact assessment to be undertaken when it is in draft form, before it is referred for final approval.

Health and Safety

- 5.1 None directly arising.

Environmental Sustainability

- 6.1 None directly arising.

Property and Asset Management

- 7.1 None directly arising.

Risk Management

8.1 None directly arising.

Information Technology

9.1 None directly arising.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

10.1 Derby City Plan 2016-19: Improving housing, supporting job creation and regenerating the city.

Older Persons Housing Strategy 2019-29 – Consultation Plan

1. *Overview and purpose*

The Strategy will seek to support the continuation of the existing priorities and outcomes. Views on those priorities and how they should be delivered will be sought, namely:

- a) Supporting sustainable neighbourhoods
- b) Delivering early intervention
- c) Providing aids, adaptations and home improvements that support independent living
- d) Releasing under-occupied homes and delivering specialist housing and extra care

2. *Consultees*

- a) Members of the public
- b) Elected Members
- c) Strategic Liaison Group Members
- d) Housing associations and Derby Homes
- e) Partners in Health and Social Care
- f) Charities, support providers and third sector organisations such as Age UK
- g) Council departments including Public Health, Adult Social Care, Regeneration, Planning and Commissioning
- h) Members of the Older Persons Forum

3. *Council Approval – timescale*

Consultation will last approximately three months and will commence in June 2018. The Strategy will begin its formal approval process in September 2018.

Key elements will include:

- a) Your City Your Say survey
- b) Consultation with Older Persons Forum
- c) It will be necessary to carry out an Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA) on the draft strategy before it is formally approved.

Delivery

Work will be led by the Housing Strategy Team, supported by the Communications and Intelligence Team. The following table provides an indicative summary of key actions and likely timescales. It is subject to amendment.

| Action / Activity | Lead Team | Support | Timescale |
|---|------------------|--|------------------|
| Internal Soundings with HoS | Housing Strategy | None | May- June |
| Posting on 'Your City Your Say' | Housing Strategy | Communications Team | July |
| Consultation with Older Person Forum (including residents, Housing Associations and Health Charities. | Housing Strategy | Engagement | July |
| EIA | Housing Strategy | Equality & Diversity Task Group/Diversity Forums | September |
| Review and Revise | Housing Strategy | None | Sept-Oct |
| Commence Sign off | Housing Strategy | None | October |