

Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to Scrutiny Board (Adult Social Services, Public Health, NHS)

Date: 19 April 2016

Subject: DELIVERING THE BETTER LIVES STRATEGY IN LEEDS: PROPOSED NEXT STEPS – DRAFT RESPONSE TO THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF THE GREEN

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

1. Purpose of this report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to present a draft Scrutiny Board response to the proposed closure of The Green.

2. Main issues

2.1 Following a viability review in July 2015, that concluded no other formal service reconfiguration could deliver the projected savings of £2.186M, The Green formed part of the proposed 'next steps' in delivering the Council's Better Lives Strategy presented and considered by the Executive Board in September 2015.

2.2 Part of the Executive Board's decision at that meeting was '*To begin consultation on the recommended proposals to decommission the three remaining care homes (Middlecross, Siegen Manor and The Green) and associated day centres...*'

2.3 A 12-week period of consultation took place from 1st October to 23rd December 2015 with service users and their families and carers as well as staff working at The Green Care Home.

2.4 In January 2016, the Scrutiny Board (Adult Social Services, Public Health, NHS) received a petition/ request for scrutiny to '*...stop the closure of The Green Home for Older People*'.

2.5 The request for scrutiny was formally considered by the Scrutiny Board at its meeting on 27 January 2016, where the Scrutiny Board agreed to consider the issues raised

and examine the matter in more detail, through a working group of the Scrutiny Board. To help facilitate the attendance of the lead petitioner, a working group meeting was held on 16 March 2016.

2.6 Following on from the working group meeting and the provision of some further information, a draft response was written and is appended to this report for consideration and agreement by the Scrutiny Board.

3. Recommendations Members are asked to consider and agree the attached draft response, incorporating any agreed amendments.

4. Background papers¹

4.1 None used

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.