

Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

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

Date: 29 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?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):		
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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 revenue budget 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 The projected level of revenue budget savings were calculated based on purchasing services of 'comparable quality' from the independent sector using actual occupancy / take-up of services across residential and day care services. The projected savings were estimated to be generated from residential care savings of £1.618M and day care savings of £0.568M.
- 2.3 A further summary of the projected residential care budget savings is provided below:

Care Home	Capacity	Occupancy *	Projected savings
The Green	37 beds	20 (54%)	£489,290
Seigen Manor	30 beds	19 (63%)	£569,992
Middlecross	32 beds	22 (69%)	£558,696
Totals	99 beds	61 (62%)	£1,617,978

* Actual permanent occupancy (as at 5/6/15)

- 2.4 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...'*
- 2.5 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.
- 2.6 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'*.
- 2.7 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.
- 2.8 Following on from the working group meeting and the provision of some further information, an initial draft response was considered by the Scrutiny Board at its meeting on 19 April 2016. At that meeting, the Scrutiny Board received comments on the initial draft response from the Executive Board Member for Health, Wellbeing and Adults and the Director of Adult Social Services. Members of the Scrutiny Board also highlighted additional comments.
- 2.9 It was agreed to reflect on the comments made and provide a further draft response for consideration and agreement by the Scrutiny Board. The amended draft response is appended to this report for consideration.
- 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.