
Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Scrutiny Board (Environment and Neighbourhoods)

Date: 8th December 2008

Subject: Inquiry into Older People's Housing

Electoral Wards Affected: All



Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

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Community Cohesion

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Narrowing the Gap

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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 At the beginning of the year the Board agreed to carry out an Inquiry into Older People's Housing. Terms of reference for this Inquiry were agreed by the Board in September. These are attached as appendix 1.
- 1.2 The purpose of today's meeting is to consider evidence in line with session one of the Board's Inquiry. This session focuses on the following areas:
- Links between the national 'personalisation agenda' and the future development of flexible and bespoke housing related services for older people;
 - Implications of the increasing older people population on housing related services and the identification of future planning needs;
 - The current review of the Leeds Housing Strategy and its need to respond to the relevant strategic outcomes and priorities within the Leeds Strategic Plan and Leeds Local Agreement;
 - The Leeds Older People's Housing Strategy and accompanying action plan;
 - The condition of sheltered housing stock in Leeds and proposals for improvement, with particular reference to the Supporting People Programme and PFI bid proposals for modernising housing provision for older people.
- 1.3 A working group of the Board met on 1st December 2008 to consider evidence in line with the above. A summary report of the working group's discussions (appendix 2) will follow and be made available prior to the meeting for the Board's consideration.

- 1.4 Senior officers from Environment and Neighbourhoods and Adult Social Services will be attending today's meeting to contribute to the Board's discussion on the evidence in line with session one of this Inquiry.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Board is asked to note the summary report of the working group and consider the evidence provided in line with session one of its inquiry into Older People's Housing.

Background Papers

None