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**Report of the Adaptations Strategy Group**

**Scrutiny Board (Adult Social Care)**

**Date: 15 December 2010**

**Subject: Leeds Adaptations Strategy 2010 - 2013**

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**Electoral Wards Affected:**

**Specific Implications For:**

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

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**1.0 Purpose of Report**

The purpose of this report is to:

- Update members of progress of the development of an Adaptations Strategy 2010 – 2013
- Recommend endorsement of the Adaptations Strategy 2010 - 2013

**2.0 Introduction**

2.1 A Scrutiny Inquiry report “Major Adaptations for Disabled Adults” was published on 17 June 2009. Included in the recommendations were that within 12 months the Directors of all adaptation providers and the Director of Adult Social Services should produce a specific city wide Adaptations Strategy and Delivery Plan, spanning a number of years, for both the public and private sector. The strategy should take into consideration that demographically the population is ageing and the other recommendations made by the scrutiny board as a result of the enquiry. This recommendation was accepted by Directors and approved by Executive Board on 26 August 2009.

2.2 The development of the Strategy was led by Helen Freeman, Chief Officer, Housing and Environmental Action Service with a core group of officers from within Environment and Neighbourhoods and Adult Social Care.

- 2.3 The Adaptation Strategy Group ,chaired by John Lennon Chief Officer Adult Social Care with senior managers from Children and Young People’s Services, the Strategic Landlord Group of Environment and Neighbourhoods, Housing and Environmental Action Service and Chief Executives from the ALMOs/ and BITMO have overseen the development of the strategy
- 2.4 The strategy was due to be presented to Adult Social Care Scrutiny Board in September, as part of the action tracker progress update. In August the Executive Member for Neighbourhoods and Housing was briefed on the strategy. After consultation with the Executive member for ASC it was decided to recommend this report be deferred until a working group of members was established to ensure appropriate oversight of the actions recommended within the report before returning to Scrutiny with the final report. The Executive Member for Neighbourhoods and Housing consulted with the Chair of ASC Scrutiny Board and this recommendation was accepted.
- 2.5 Environment & Neighbourhoods Senior Leadership Team and Adult Social Care Directorate Management Team both approved the Adaptations Strategy on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2010. The Adaptations Strategy has also been considered and agreed by Children and Young People’s Services and ALMO/BITMO Boards.
- 2.6 The final draft of the strategy (v16, 10 September 2010 attached) has been circulated to all partners involved in the development of the strategy for consent, prior to recommendation for approval. This contains only minor amendments from the version agreed early September.

### **3.0 Adaptations Strategy Delivery Plan**

- 3.1 A Project Manager has been appointed on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2010 to lead on the delivery of the Adaptations Strategy on behalf of all partners. The Project will be line managed by the Head of Service – Housing and Pollution Control, within Environment and Neighbourhoods.
- 3.2 The Project Manager will further develop the Action Plan appended to the Adaptation Strategy and put in place workstreams to ensure the plan is delivered in a timely and coordinated way
- 3.3 The Tracker Report to ASC Scrutiny Board on the 15th December 2010 includes details of progress in relation to all the recommendations including ones that are now within the scope of the Adaptations Strategy Action Plan.

### **4.0 Recommendations**

- 4.1 Scrutiny Board Members are asked to:
- Note progress on the Adaptations Strategy
  - Endorse the Leeds Adaptations Strategy 2010 - 2013

Background Papers - None.