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Agenda Item: 10

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

MEMBER WORKING GROUP TO REVIEW AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE EXTRA CARE STRATEGY

Purpose of the Report

1. The report proposes that a working group of the Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee is set up to carry out a review of previous Council strategies and success with the development of Extra Care in order to make recommendations to the Committee and the Council for a future strategy.

Information and Advice

Background

2. Extra Care 'Housing with Care' is part of the Council's pathway of services for older people. For people whose care and support needs mean that they can no longer be supported at home, because they need a frequent, flexible and very rapid response, Extra Care can provide an alternative to residential care. Extra Care housing comprises self-contained homes with building design features and onsite support services which enable self-care and independent living for older people. Schemes typically comprise a cluster of homes on a single site managed by a housing provider, with personal care and support provided by a care provider based onsite 24/7.
3. In most cases the Council has worked with district councils and both have contributed funding to the development of the schemes, wherever possible drawing down national grant funding from the Homes and Communities Agency.
4. Nominations of individuals to live in the Extra Care accommodation are split between the Council and housing provider, in line with a partnership contract agreed between the two parties. Housing related support, maintenance and repairs for residents are provided by the housing partner, with the County Council providing the onsite home care support as part of its home care contracting arrangements.
5. To date the Council has a total of 11 Extra Care schemes, providing 221 nomination units (including 12 assessment beds). In addition, two new schemes are currently being built and will open in March 2018, with a further third new scheme being built and due to open in March 2019. In total this will increase the Council's nomination units to 296 (and will take the Council's community based assessment bed total to 20).

Member working group

6. It is proposed that a Member working group be established with three members of the Conservative and Mansfield Independent Forum Group, one from the Labour Group and one from the Ashfield Independent Group. The purpose of the group would be as follows:
 - to review the effectiveness of the previous strategies for Extra Care in terms of:
 - meeting the needs of the public
 - utilisation of the extra care facilities
 - meeting the Council's statutory responsibilities and the wider needs of self-funders in Nottinghamshire
 - cost effectiveness for the Council and the wider public purse.
 - to consider examples of strategies and approaches elsewhere, including other counties
 - to make recommendations for a future strategy for Extra Care. These will include:
 - identification of the future need for Extra Care in the County
 - a response to the Council's legal responsibilities and will ensure alignment with the Council Plan and the agreed Adult Social Care Strategy
 - consideration of cost effectiveness, and
 - advice on arrangements to deliver a future strategy.
7. The Member working group will finish its work by the end of the calendar year with a report back to Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee in February 2018.

Other Options Considered

8. An alternative option considered was to develop the strategy without a Member working group to review the effectiveness of Extra Care and consider future options. Given the significance of Extra Care for the communities the Council serves, rising need and cost it is considered that a more detailed scrutiny and review is the most appropriate option.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

9. The last of the three schemes in development is scheduled to open in March 2019. It is therefore timely to review the success of the Extra Care strategy implemented by the Council to date, and to make recommendations for a future strategy.

Statutory and Policy Implications

10. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

11. There are no financial implications related to this proposal. However, there are significant financial implications for the Council in relation to the development of new Extra Care facilities in the County.

Implications for Service Users

12. Extra Care facilities are part of a range of services provided to meet the care and support needs of older people who are unable to continue living in their own homes. The working group will take account of the experience of people living in Extra Care facilities, and will look at how other councils meet the needs of older people as part of the review of Extra Care developments to date and recommending what services and support will be required in the future.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That:

- 1) the Committee approves the proposal to set up a Member working group to review the Council's previous strategies and success with the development of Extra Care and to make recommendations to the Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee and the Council for a future strategy on Extra Care.
- 2) Members are identified to be part of the working group (as stated in **paragraph 6**).
- 3) the working group provides a report with recommendations on a future strategy for Extra Care in February 2018.

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Constitutional Comments (LM 27/09/17)

13. The Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee is the appropriate body to consider the contents of the report. If Committee resolves that any actions are required it must be satisfied that such actions are within the Committee's terms of reference.

Financial Comments (KAS 27/09/17)

14. The financial implications are contained within paragraph 11 of the report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

None.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

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