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Re: Question Under Procedure Rule 32

Can the Chairman of the Committee provide a full detailed update on the future of the extra care provision that was scheduled for development in Eastwood?

Dear Councillor Longdon

Thank you for your question to Full Council.

We continue to develop our Extra Care Strategy which is delivering a number of schemes in partnership across the county. The accommodation is designed to the Council's specification with input from service users and occupational therapists. The schemes all have onsite care staff available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to enable people to remain in the community, living as independently as possible with access to care and support when they need it. Three new schemes will be opening in 2015, with one scheme that has bungalows designed specifically for people with dementia, due to open later this year.

Following initial consideration at the December 2014 Planning Committee, officers at Broxtowe Borough Council referred the Eastwood Extra Care Housing Planning Application back to the 11th February 2015 meeting of the Borough's Planning Committee.

On 11 February 2015, the Planning Committee refused the application even though the officers recommended that the application be approved. The developers are minded to appeal this decision and have recently had a communication from the borough council asking to meet to discuss the way forward. This work will continue to be progressed.

This scheme would also be an asset to the local community and would see 140 apartments and bungalows on the site along with a range of communal facilities which would be available for local people which would in turn boost the local economy.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Muriel Weisz".

Councillor Muriel Weisz
(Chairman of the Adult Social Care and Health Committee)