

Annex A

CABINET RESPONSE TO SOCIAL CARE SERVICES BOARD**REVIEW OF ACCOMMODATION WITH CARE AND SUPPORT STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION AND OLDER PEOPLE'S HOMES PROJECT RECOMMENDATION****(Considered by Social Care Services Board on 9 December 2016.)****COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the Cabinet ensure that the strategy is prioritised by Property Services and appropriate resource allocated to its delivery.

That the Cabinet Member and service explore internal or external opportunities around invest to save funding to support the strategy, including when the Council is intending to dispose of land.

RESPONSE:

Property Services is an active member of the Accommodation with Care and Support team, at both a Board and project level, ensuring the Council takes a one team approach to delivering the programme and supporting the initial work to recommend the business case for Extra Care to the Cabinet in particular.

This approach has worked positively and given the pressures and conflicting demands on time, it has been recognised that the ongoing requirements of the programme need to be clear to help corporates services (such as finance, legal, property and procurement) plan ahead and allocate resources accordingly.

To support this and address the specific pressures in property, the project team has been actively working across all the workstreams within the Accommodation with Care and Support Programme (as well as any wider Adult Social Care work) to identify the priority work areas going forward. This is enabling Property Services to prioritise this work and allocate resource in line with the recommendation of the Social Care Services Board.

In terms of identifying investment opportunities, asset management mechanisms are already in place to ensure that the strategic needs for Accommodation with Care & Support are considered and analysed first in respect of appropriate property opportunities before they are considered for general disposal (this includes the former in-house homes for older people).

External opportunities will also be explored to support the work of the Accommodation with Care & Support Programme with boroughs, districts and other public sector organisations. Property Services will continue to work closely with the Board in this respect as part of the phased approach to delivery.

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