EXTRA CARE IN WARMINSTER

Key points and background

- There are 275 units of sheltered housing in Warminster [including rural areas], a large proportion of which are bungalows or small studio flats in schemes. Overall, the accommodation is not fit for purpose and cannot support the independence of high need residents.

- A new McCarthy and Stone development on George Street was built in 2011. Imber Court provides 39 1 & 2 bed units for sale and meets Warminster's needs for open market units.

- There is still a shortfall of 40-50 units of affordable and fit for purpose units of accommodation.

- A new 80 bed nursing and dementia care home on Gipsy Lane has been completed this summer – it is owned and managed by the Orders of St John Care Trust and will meet Wiltshire Council's need for specialist residential provision in Warminster.

- The Woodmead Care Home site on Portway has become vacant and the residents have moved to the new home.

- The Shadow COB favours the use of the central car park site for a Campus which will also become part of a wider regeneration scheme – this is next to the library and Avenue School / Children's Centre in central Warminster. This is also a short distance from the Woodmead Care Home site on Portway.

- We are looking to build an extra care scheme with 40 units of accommodation on this vacant Woodmead site. It will be located close to the proposed campus development and other local amenities.

- The Capital Assets Committee has approved the use of funding for the Woodmead site to develop as extra care

Indicative Timeline

January 2015 - Appoint Design Team

June 2015 - Planning Application submitted

October 2015 - Start on site (including demolition)

March 2017 - Practical completion

April 2017 - Residents start to move in

Proposal

- **To develop a working group with members approved by the Warminster Area Board to look at options for developing the Woodmead site into Extra Care**

- **This working group would help us in meeting the indicative timeline above and would have clear involvement from the beginning of the Project**