

## Questions from Cllr Brian Mathew.

### To Councillor Jerry Wickham – Cabinet member for Adult Social Care, Public Health and Public Protection

#### Question

The Lib Dem Group is delighted with the unanimous approval of the motion at the last full council meeting proposing a feasibility study into the scaling up of Wiltshire Council's 'Shared Lives Programme'.

We would like to know what steps are being taken by Wiltshire Council to set up the called for feasibility study?

And we would like to know if it would be helpful if the Lib Dem group was to offer its assistance in this regard? We have councillors well versed in feasibility studies and will be only too pleased to offer our assistance.

#### Answer

Wiltshire is currently developing the Strategy for People with Learning Disabilities. A key element of the strategy is the Accommodation Pathway, ensuring that people with learning disabilities in Wiltshire have access to a range of accommodation options that promotes independence, supporting people to live good lives as part of their community with the right support, at the right time, from the right people.

We will be engaging people with learning disabilities, their family carers and providers of services in the development of the Strategy over the coming months.

Running parallel to this work is a number of commissioning activities regarding accommodation options for people with learning disabilities. As part of this work we will be commencing the development of a Feasibility Study in April.

Whilst we welcome the kind offer for assistance from the Lib Dem group, It is important to note that this is an officer led initiative that forms part of our developing transformation plans for Adult services and as such, reports directly into the transformation Board which is chaired by Cllr Jerry Wickham and attended by other respective members.