

Chairman's Announcement

Subject	Extra Care scheme for older people
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Summary of announcement:

- The Cabinet's Capital Assets Committee approved the use of the Southfields care home site for a new 50 unit affordable extra care scheme in November 2013. This was the preferred location of the local Working Group, set up by the Area Board.
- The residents of Southfields and Anzac House care homes will move into the new specialist care home at Horton Road, once construction has been completed around the end of the year.
- The new extra care scheme will provide 50 new affordable apartments with a wide range of onsite facilities and services that will enable older people to remain independent, including access to 24/7 care and support when it is needed.
- The scheme will also provide day care provision, dining facilities, health and wellbeing services, assisted bathing, guest suite, buggy storage and gardens.
- The Council appointed a Design Team earlier in the summer to work with us to take this scheme forward. Initial plans, based on the Council's extra care design guide, have been developed by the architects over the last couple of months.
- These initial plans were discussed with the local Working Group on 16 September. They were well received and further work is now being done to develop these plans before they are shared more widely across Devizes.
- Public consultation on the proposals will take place in Devizes in October. There will be a number of opportunities for local people to see and comment on the emerging plans for the scheme, including a meeting with local residents directly affected by the development on Victoria Road, a drop in consultation event at the Corn Exchange on Thursday 9th October and plans being displayed in the library.
- The consultation event at the Corn Exchange is being publicised through a number of channels across the Devizes Community Area.
- After public consultation, we are working towards a planning application being submitted in November, with a development partner selected shortly thereafter, subject to planning approval being given.

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- We are working towards a start on site by spring 2015 with the scheme being completed by autumn 2016.
- This scheme will be funded, owned and managed by Wiltshire Council and the 24/7 care and support service at the new scheme will be delivered by the local Help to Live at Home Provider.