

Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board – Wednesday 25 May 2011

Chairman's Announcement

Older People Accommodation Development Strategy

Overview

The Council has produced a 10 year development strategy, modelled across two timeline options, which will modernise the way that older people's accommodation is provided, develop and adopt an integrated accommodation system, ensure the best use of increasingly scarce resources and respond to local needs in local communities.

The capital cost of the proposed development programme, including extra care, nursing and specialist dementia care provision, is approximately £220m based on current prices. Under these proposals the Council does not anticipate funding developments directly and will be working to maximise investment from the private and voluntary sectors. An innovative joint procurement exercise with Devon County Council is also being progressed in an attempt to reduce future Social Housing Grant requirements for extra care developments by accessing potential cross-subsidisation of schemes through the inclusion of Council owned land.

The proposed development strategy and service remodelling would enable the Council to realise a cost avoidance of approximately £600m over the next 25 years when compared to the "do nothing" option. This will assist the Council to offset the challenges of the forecast demographic change of older people and is achieved through a diversion of people from residential care to community support or specialist nursing or dementia care, which achieves an average saving per person of £44 per week.

Development Strategy

The facilities to be provided in each of the community areas as a result of this development strategy are contained in the table below:

Community Area	Description of Facilities
Amesbury	40 unit extra care scheme to meet nursing needs
Bradford on Avon	80 bed nursing home
	18 unit extra care scheme

Community Area	Description of Facilities
Calne	60 unit extra care scheme
Chippenham	64 bed care home for people with dementia
	60 unit extra care scheme
Corsham	80 bed nursing home
	40 unit extra care scheme

Community Area	Description of Facilities
Devizes	80 bed nursing home for people with dementia
	45 unit extra care scheme
Malmesbury	50 unit extra care scheme
Marlborough	16 bed nursing extension for people with dementia
	45 unit extra care scheme
Melksham	45 unit extra care scheme
	60 bed nursing home (Semington)
	18 unit extra care scheme (Semington)
Mere	45 unit extra care scheme to meet nursing needs
Old Sarum	80 bed nursing home
	64 bed care home for people with dementia
Salisbury	50 unit extra care scheme
	80 bed nursing home
Tidworth	40 unit extra care scheme to meet nursing needs
Tisbury	Virtual extra care scheme
Trowbridge	66 bed care home for people with dementia
	40 unit extra care scheme
Warminster	80 bed nursing home
Westbury	40 unit extra care scheme
Wootton Bassett & Cricklade	64 bed care home for people with dementia
	63 bed nursing home
	45 unit extra care scheme
	40 unit extra care scheme (Cricklade)

The delivery of these new developments would enable the existing not fit-for-purpose or outdated facilities to be replaced, whereby the current residents would be relocated to the new schemes and the existing homes closed.

The development strategy will be delivered through a variety of partnerships, contractual arrangements and funding opportunities. These include:

- A long-term partnering agreement with The Orders of St John Care Trust, who currently operate the Council's care homes for older people, which recognises the need for developments and / or significant refurbishments due to the ageing nature of the existing facilities.
- An innovative Preferred Developer Partner Framework agreement which is being jointly procured with Devon County Council to facilitate the development of extra care housing with little or no requirement for public subsidy i.e. Social Housing Grant, due to the potential cross subsidisation of facilities through the inclusion of Council owned land.
- A review of the sheltered housing stock to assess the quality of accommodation and its ability to meet current and future needs. Facilities may be recommended for refurbishment to provide community extra care housing or to meet other Council priorities i.e. the provision of affordable general needs accommodation.
- Utilising private sector and Registered Social Landlord (RSL) initiatives which may reduce the requirement for Council led developments in particular community areas.

The Older People Accommodation Development Strategy was approved by the Council's Cabinet on 25th January 2011 and the full document is available on the Council's website.

Developments in Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area

Wootton Bassett

Castle Oak has built a new 63 bed nursing home on the former St Ivel site in Wootton Bassett. This facility will be operated by AMS Care and became operational in January 2011.

Community Services will therefore prioritise its allocation of social housing grant for financial year 2011/12 to the Housing 21 extra care development also on the former St Ivel site which will provide 45 units of accommodation. It is anticipated that this scheme will be completed in October 2013, whereby the existing residents of Ridgeway House will be relocated to it.

This would enable Ridgeway House to be closed and the site redeveloped to provide a 64 bed specialist care home for people with dementia. It is anticipated that this development will be completed by June 2016.

Cricklade and Purton

The Council is in discussions with Westlea Housing Association regarding the potential development of a 40 unit extra care scheme in Cricklade. Subject to a suitable site being identified and funding being available, it is anticipated that the new scheme could be completed by April 2015.

Since the approval of the Older People Development Strategy, a large housing development within Purton has been proposed, which will significantly alter the demographic projections for the area. The Council are therefore investigating the potential development of an extra care scheme in Purton through S106 contributions. This development would result in The Cedars care home closing and the residents being relocated to the new facility.

Further Information

If you would like further information on the Older People Accommodation Development Strategy, please do not hesitate to contact Karen Jones (07990 611569 / karen.jones@wiltshire.gov.uk) who will be able to talk you through the proposed strategy and to answer any questions that you may have.