

Report to: **Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee**

Date: **3 July 2007**

By: **Director of Adult Social Care**

Title of report: **Eastbourne Locality – Older Peoples Housing & Support Strategy**

Purpose of report: **To invite comment and broader consultation via the Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee**

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee are recommended to:

- 1. Endorse the current consultation arrangements**
 - 2. Contribute to the consultation process**
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1. Financial Appraisal

1.1 The draft strategy (Executive Summary attached at **Appendix 1**) outlines an action plan (attached at **Appendix 2**) in relation to priorities for housing and support for older people living in Eastbourne over the coming years. There are no immediate cost implications. However, the plans have implications for capital and revenue investments in future years both by Adult Social Care (ASC) Supporting People (SP) and Eastbourne Borough Council (EBC). Proposals in the action plans will be considered by the County Older Peoples Housing and Support Group and the Supporting People Commissioning Body (Strategic Forum) in order to identify investment priorities on a countywide basis.

1.2 As an initial stakeholder consultation event has already been held, the main cost of the consultation will be in the distribution of hard copies of the strategy and summaries. The strategy reflects the need to work closely with the independent sector both as providers and in order to maximise the access to finance that their status might allow.

2. Background and Supporting Information

2.1 The draft Housing and Support Strategy for Eastbourne is one of four district/borough-council based strategies focusing on Housing and Support for People over 55. These are being developed to take forward the joint agenda of ASC, Housing, the Primary Care Trusts, the Sussex Partnership Trust and Supporting People regarding the provision of specialist housing and housing related support for older people. The strategy covers a 20 year period, reflecting changing needs and preferences of an ageing population.

2.2 The strategy gives a picture of local needs and gaps in services. It describes priorities for future investment in the areas of Extra Care Housing, Supporting People provision and other housing-support related services both in terms of priority groups and priority areas where deprivation and health needs are most prevalent. In the case of Eastbourne these have been identified as a result of the work of the former PCT in 'Equity Matters' and the EBC sheltered housing review.

2.3 The strategy's emphasis on the social inclusion and wellbeing of older people as a group reflects the important role of housing and the environment as part of the ASC approach to preventative services, well-being and quality of life. As outlined in the strategy, this agenda

contributes to a number of actions in the ASC Three Year Plan and the Strategy & Commissioning Business Plan.

2.4 The 'direction of travel' indicated in this strategy is being incorporated into the Joint Commissioning Strategy for Older People and will also link with the Accessible Housing and Disabilities Strategies currently under development as well as any future departmental or corporate strategies focusing on Well-being or Quality of Life for Older People.

2.5 A stakeholder meeting was held in the summer 2006 providing input into the strategy which was then developed by a multi-agency locality group comprising of representatives from Adult Social Care, Eastbourne BC Housing Department, Sussex Partnership Trust Eastbourne Homes Ltd, the former Eastbourne Downs PCT and a range of voluntary sector providers of support to older people.

2.6 Following the agreements from the Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Eastbourne Borough Council it was agreed that the draft strategy would be circulated to all stakeholders and interested parties for a 3-month period under the COMPACT arrangements.

2.7 An Executive Summary, Action Plan and some questions for consultation will be available on the ESCC website from the beginning of June with the consultation period being extended to the end of August. This Process will be paralleled by information on the Eastbourne Borough Council website. The full draft is in the process of being finalised by partner agencies and the website will invite interested parties to contact Adult Social Care if they require a copy.

3. Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendation

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS: Adult Social Care Three Year Plan
 Strategy & Commissioning Business Plan