

ADULT CARE AND WELL BEING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL 18 JULY 2018

SUPPORTED LIVING

Summary

1. The Panel is to receive an overview on Supported Living for people with learning disabilities.
2. Officers from the Council's Directorate of Adult Services have been invited to the meeting.

Background

3. Supported Living is the name given to housing and support for people with learning disabilities. Supported Living enables individuals to have their own tenancies (or to become home owners in some circumstances), with the flexibility to move house, or remain in the same house but change their support provider if they wish to.

4. The Council has a Supported Living Strategy 2017/18 to 2019/20 (available in Background Papers). This is underpinned by the principles of the Learning Disability Strategy 'Better Outcomes for People with a Learning Disability in Worcestershire':

- People should be treated as individuals
- People with learning disabilities should be able to use the same services as other people
- People should have choice and be able to have control over the services they use
- People should be able to be part of their community where they live
- People should feel safe.

5. Supported Living includes a range of housing and support options, including clusters of self-contained flats and shared houses. Supported Living can be for people with complex needs (e.g. people with autism), people with profound and multiple disabilities (including physical disabilities) and for young people who are in further education, as part of a further education offer.

Supported Living in Worcestershire

6. As of June 2018, the Council was funding 367 people with a Learning Disability in Supported Living. This figure has been increasing and is forecast to increase further over coming years, as people move from other types of support into Supported Living. Since 2014, over 180 people have been supported to move to Supported Living and therefore become tenants in their own homes.

7. Working with partners, the Council has developed new housing schemes in Redditch, Worcester and Kidderminster, and future developments are planned for Evesham, Bromsgrove, Stourport, Malvern and Worcester. The Council is also exploring options to use some of its own sites that are surplus to requirements, potentially for supported housing development.

8. Consultation work with people with learning disabilities and carers typically indicates the need for a mix of different supported living and housing options that reflects the range of needs and aspirations of people with learning disabilities and their families. Based on a mix of housing options, the following supported living models are likely to be required over the coming years:

- Clusters of self-contained flats, including specific schemes for people with complex needs
- Shared housing
- Housing adapted for full wheelchair accessibility (either within a shared housing or cluster of flats environment)
- Further development of the Shared Lives scheme
- Consideration of the reuse or remodelling of some current residential care services including potentially through deregistration
- Provision within extra care housing schemes
- Home ownership, typically shared equity models with a housing association
- Use of family owned resources and properties.

9. As well as delivering better outcomes for individuals, Supported Living generally also represents a lower cost to the Council than Residential care. There are savings targets in place as part of the Council's agreed budget and savings programme (total savings target of £2.619m), to be delivered through a programme of managed moves from Residential homes to Supported Living, and the "de-registration" of Residential properties to become Supported Living.

Purpose of the Meeting

10. Panel Members are asked to:

- determine whether any further information or scrutiny is required at this time;
- agree any comments to highlight to the Cabinet Member.

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Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Head of Legal and Democratic Services) the following are the background papers relating to this report:

- Cabinet Member Decision on 22 May and Supported Living Strategy - available on the Council's website [here](#)
- Agenda and Minutes of the Adult Care and Well Being Overview and Scrutiny Panel on 18 May 2018 - available on the Council's website [here](#)