

PART 1 - PUBLIC

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Decision Maker: **Adult and Community Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee**

Date: **21<sup>st</sup> September 2010**

Decision Type: Non-Urgent                      Non-Executive                      Non-Key

**TITLE: ACCOMMODATION AND CARE FOR ADULTS REFERENCE GROUP**

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**1. REASON FOR THE REPORT**

The report seeks Members' endorsement of revised terms of reference for the Care Home Reference Group to encompass all issues relating to accommodation with care for older people.

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**2. RECOMMENDATION**

**The Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee is asked to endorse the expansion of the focus of the Care Home Reference Group to encompass all accommodation with care issues for older people (including a change of name to Accommodation with Care for Older People Reference Group) and to endorse the revised terms of reference which are attached at Appendix 1.**

## Corporate Policy

Existing policy: Supporting independence - providing support to older people to enable them to live independently at home for as long as possible and developing alternatives to residential care

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## Financial

1. No cost   Not applicable - there are no direct financial implications arising from the work of the Reference Group
  2. N/A
  3. Budget head
  4. Total budget for this head    £
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## Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional) – N/A
  2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours – N/A
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## Legal

1. No statutory requirement or Government guidance
  2. Call-in is not applicable:
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## Customer Impact

Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected) - The Reference Group is overseeing the closure of the Council owned care homes in which there were places for 268 residents at the beginning of the programme plus the development of alternative accommodation with care services for older people who meet the Council's eligibility criteria.

### **3. COMMENTARY**

#### **Background**

- 3.1 The Care Home Reference Group (CHRG) was set up in November 2007 as a sub-group of the Adult and Community Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee to maintain an overview of the closure of six Council owned care homes and proposals for developing new homes which were at that time being discussed with Shaw Healthcare. The original terms of reference for the CHRG were to:
- Comment on the guidelines for managing the closure of homes and moving of residents to alternative homes
  - Act as a sounding board for the design proposals for the new homes
  - Review the application of the guidelines and recommend amendments during and following the closure of each home where appropriate
  - Act as a sounding board for proposed changes to the programme or to the guidelines
  - Include representatives of the residents on the group
- 3.2 The group comprised Councillor Carole Hubbard (Chairman), Councillor Ruth Bennett and Councillor Charles Rideout, Leslie Marks (Chair of Bromley Council on Ageing), representatives of relatives from care homes which were due to close, the Assistant Director Commissioning and Partnerships and the acting Head of Assessment and Care Management. The CHRG has met 11 times since its inception. At each meeting the group receives an update on progress on the closure of the care homes.
- 3.3 Following the adoption of a revised strategy for accommodation with care for older people in November 2008 the group revisited its terms of reference to reflect the changes to the way in which the Council would seek to secure new care home provision which included the development of additional extra care housing as a fundamental element of the strategy. Amended terms of reference were agreed.
- 3.4 At its meeting in July 2010 the Group elected a new Chairman, Councillor Charles Rideout, and Councillor Diane Smith also joined the Group.
- 3.5 During the group's existence three of the Council's care homes have closed and work with relatives and residents in the fourth home is under way. Increasingly the focus of the group will be on arrangements for the two new extra care housing schemes which have been secured, one of which is due to open early in 2011. However with a growing older population there is also a need to determine the extent to which other models of accommodation with care (e.g. sheltered housing) contribute to the Council's priority to support people to live independently. The Group is therefore proposing to adopt revised terms of reference which reflect a wider remit including care home provision, extra care housing and sheltered housing for older people.
- 3.6 The proposed revised terms of reference are attached at Appendix 1.
- 3.7 The Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee is asked to endorse the revised terms of reference which reflect the group's role in all aspect of accommodation with care for older people.

#### 4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Reference Group maintains an overview of the programme of care home closures and development of extra care housing and new care home provision, in accordance with the Council's commitment to providing alternatives to residential care and new fit for purpose accommodation for older people.

<b>Non-Applicable Sections:</b>	Financial, Legal, Personnel
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Minutes of Care Home Reference Group meetings November 2007 – September 2009.  Report to ACS PDS Committee 17 <sup>th</sup> November 2009. Care Home Reference Group

## APPENDIX 1

### ACCOMMODATION WITH CARE FOR OLDER PEOPLE – MEMBER REFERENCE GROUP

#### DRAFT REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE

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- Act as a sounding board on behalf of the Adult and Community Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee for matters relating to residential and nursing care, extra care housing and sheltered housing for older people
- Monitor demand projections for residential and nursing care, extra care housing and sheltered housing for older people
- Comment on proposals for the development of new care homes and extra care housing schemes
- Make recommendations to the Resources Portfolio Holder/ Executive on the future use of sites being disposed of by the Council
- Monitor progress on the decommissioning of existing accommodation and the development of new accommodation for older people
- Comment on procedures for managing the decommissioning of accommodation for older people
- Act as a sounding board for design proposals for new care homes and extra care housing
- Include representatives on the group of the residents of provision being commissioned and decommissioned
- Report to Adult and Community Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee at regular intervals.