



City of Doncaster Council

Report

Date: 2nd February 2023

**TO: THE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE
SCRUTINY PANEL**

**Report Title: Progress and Update on Housing with Care and Support for Adults
in City of Doncaster Council**

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)	Wards Affected	Key Decision?
Cllr Andrea Robinson Cllr Nigel Ball Cllr Glyn Jones	All	No

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. Some Doncaster residents may require housing with support or an element of care that still enables them to maintain independence in their day to day lives, this may be because they have a learning disability or physical disability, have mental health needs or when they are older and would benefit from a level of support.
2. Understanding the where future need is in Doncaster and what preferences people may have for the homes that meet their needs, we are able to plan for future developments and schemes.
3. The presentation slides in Appendix A provide an overview and update on the approach being undertaken in relation to housing for people who may need care and support in Doncaster. Work has been ongoing for a number of years and there is a focus to bring this work together into a more structured approach and to build on the existing provision.
4. Working across Adult Social Care, Public Health and Strategic Housing Senior Leadership an increasingly co-ordinated approach will deliver on a range of provision to meet a range of needs of people and communities within the City.
5. A new steering group has been assembled to drive the programme of delivery with Assistant Directors from Adult Social Care, Strategic Housing and Public Health. This will ensure accountability for delivery is clear and measurable

through a joint approach will provide a wide range of expertise and evidence base for delivery.

6. The report and presentation is to provide oversight, assurance and the opportunity for the Scrutiny Committee to provide feedback, steer and engage with the programme.

EXEMPT REPORT

7. N/A

RECOMMENDATIONS

8. That the Panel note the contents of the presentation and provide their feedback, steer and comments.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE CITIZENS OF DONCASTER?

9. That local people have an increasing level of choice in relation to accessing housing with different levels of support needs for a variety of ages.
10. That there is quality housing stock that enhances peoples' daily lives, improves and maintains their health and wellbeing as well as being fit for future.
11. Supporting people to make informed choices to move home will need attractive homes and options for people to ensure there is an active turnover of larger properties in the City.
12. Preventing people from going into long term care settings is a key aim of Adults Health and Wellbeing and having housing with support available in communities will ensure people can remain in their own homes for longer.
13. Through building and commissioning good quality housing with support with sustainable, greener, homes for life will reduce impact on the environment.

BACKGROUND

14. The most recent assessment of Housing Need was undertaken in 2019. This survey assessed the overall annual need for new affordable homes at 209 per year. Fine grain assessment about the individual needs of specific client groups, such as those living with a Learning or Physical disability was not undertaken as part of this survey, and is instead being developed through close working with service users at a local level to plan both the best use of the existing general needs housing stock to allow people to continue to live independently and the gaps in supported housing provision that need to be filled. The Housing Strategy 2020-25 (Appendix 2) has as one of its targets the production of a Specialist Housing Delivery Plan, which will encapsulate how specific kinds of specialised housing need are to be met.

15. We want every person in Doncaster to live in the place they call home with the people and the things that they love, in communities where they look out for one another, doing things that matter to them.
16. We know that we need more options for housing with support in Doncaster to meet the needs of people. This has been evidenced through research undertaken by Sheffield Hallam. Housing is key element of wellbeing for people and communities and has strong links to wider determinants of health.
17. The presentation addresses a number of areas of work ongoing across the age ranges and across the City so that we have establishments/ tenancies in place now, the medium and longer term to provide choice to local people.
18. Housing with support can also serve as an asset to the wider community, it is vital that infrastructure and design enables residents of housing with support to engage in the activities they enjoy and that keep them well in the communities. They can also provide a community setting for the wider community.
19. This work is being undertaken in line with the current Housing Strategy 2020-25 and has a number of drivers embedded within national, Council and Directorate visions.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED


20. This report is for information only.







REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION


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IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL'S KEY OUTCOMES

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Great 8 Priority	Positive Overall	Mix of Positive & Negative	Trade-offs to consider – Negative overall	Neutral or No implications
 Tackling Climate Change	✓			
Through smart commissioning of quality, greener properties this will reduce the impact on climate change. Ensuring build proposals are energy efficient and locally based.				

 Developing the skills to thrive in life and in work	✓			
Ensuring people are able to live and remain in their local communities, that they are integrated and able to continue to play an active and engaged role.				
 Making Doncaster the best place to do business and create good jobs	✓			
Through developing schemes this will provide potential employment in the local area.				
 Building opportunities for healthier, happier and longer lives for all	✓			
Good quality housing provision and choice will ensure people are living in safe, warm accommodation which will improve health and wellbeing. Housing with support will promote maintenance and improvement of independence for all.				
 Creating safer, stronger, greener and cleaner communities where everyone belongs	✓			
There is opportunity for housing with support developments to service as a wider community asset				
 Nurturing a child and family-friendly borough				✓
 Building Transport and digital connections fit for the future	✓			

Developments should ensure that appropriate transport and digital infrastructure is in place to enable residents to stay connected				
 Promoting the borough and its cultural, sporting, and heritage opportunities				✓
Fair & Inclusive	✓			
The provision of the right kinds of supported housing to meet local needs will help to ensure that all residents have the opportunity to live healthy and fulfilling lives				

23. Legal Implications

No implications have been sought for this report. Further specific advice can be provided in relation to any issues raised by the Panel. This report is for information only.

24. Financial Implications

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25. Human Resources Implications

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26. Technology Implications

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RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS

27. There are no risks arising directly from this update report

CONSULTATION

28. Consultation is embedded in the processes of identifying and satisfying specialised housing needs in the most appropriate way.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

29. "Specialist Housing Planning and Delivery" presentation in Appendix 1.
28. "The Doncaster Housing Strategy Update 2020-25 – Homes that enhance the wellbeing of our residents and our Place" in Appendix 2.

GLOSSARY OF ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

29. Not applicable.

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