



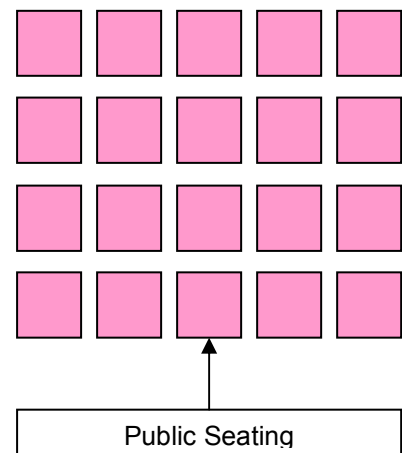
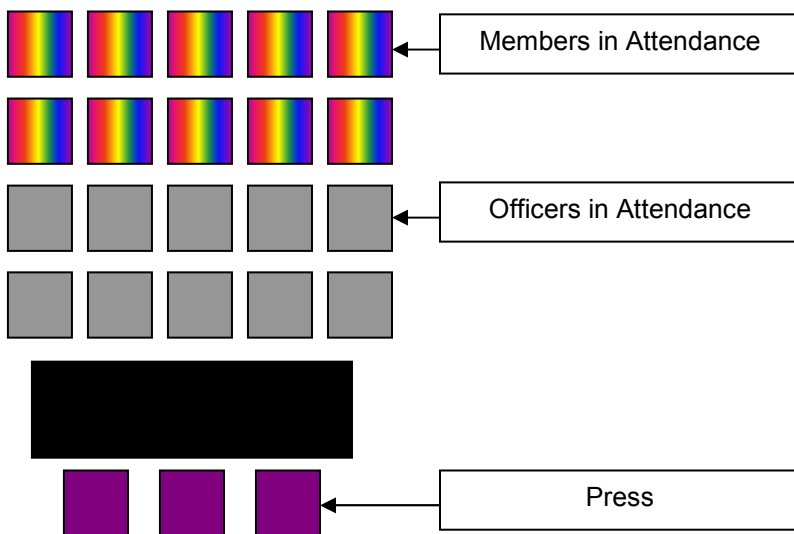
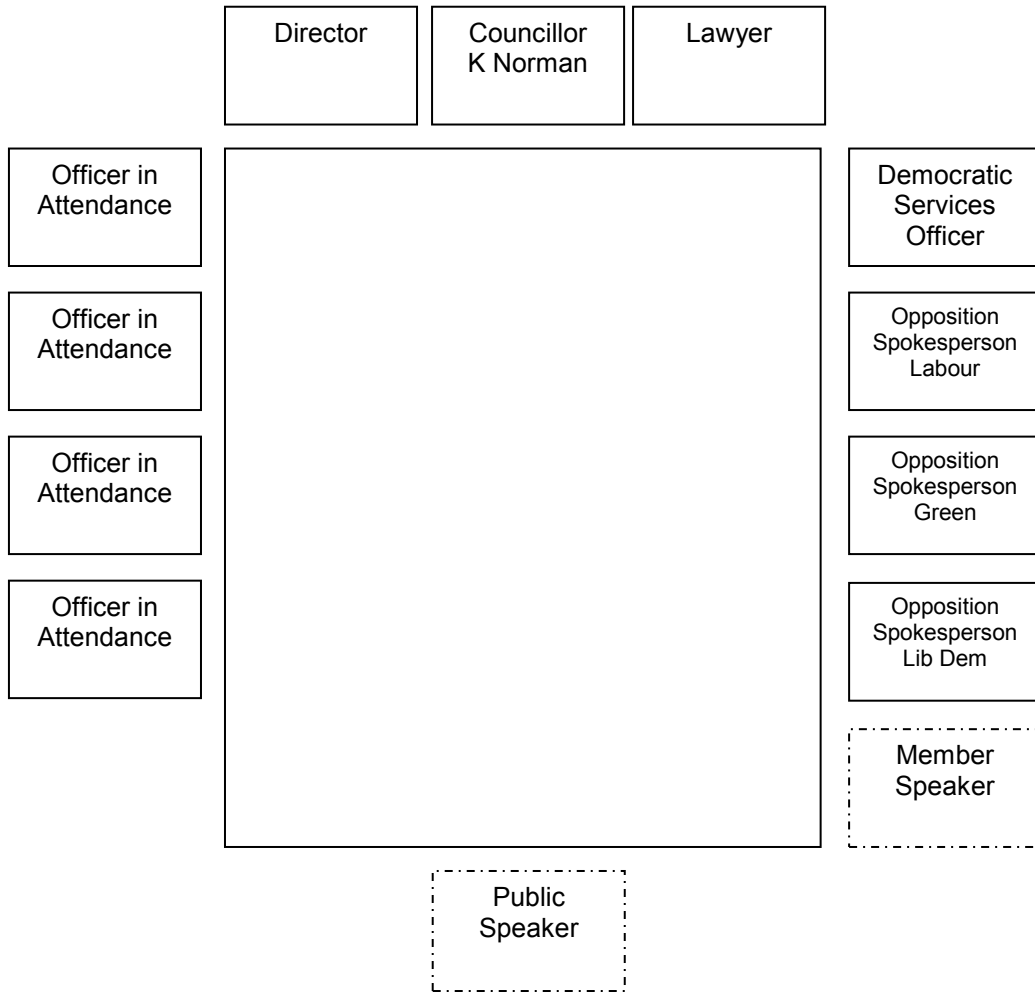
Brighton & Hove
City Council

Cabinet Member Meeting

Title:	Adult Social Care & Health Cabinet Member Meeting
Date:	24 April 2009
Time:	4.00pm
Venue	Committee Room 3, Hove Town Hall
Members:	Councillor: K Norman (Cabinet Member)
Contact:	Caroline De Marco Democratic Services Officer 01273 291063 caroline.demarco@brighton-hove.gov.uk

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AGENDA

66. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

- (a) Declarations of Interest by all Members present of any personal interests in matters on the agenda, the nature of any interest and whether the Members regard the interest as prejudicial under the terms of the Code of Conduct
- (b) Exclusion of Press and Public - To consider whether, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, or the nature of the proceedings, the press and public should be excluded from the meeting when any of the following items are under consideration.

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67. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 March 2009 (copy attached).

68. CABINET MEMBER'S COMMUNICATIONS

69. ITEMS RESERVED FOR DISCUSSION

- (a) Items reserved by the Cabinet Member
- (b) Items reserved by the Opposition Spokesperson
- (c) Items reserved by Members, with the agreement of the Cabinet Member.

70. PETITIONS

No petitions have been received.

71. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

No public questions have been received at the date of publication.

72. DEPUTATIONS

No deputations have been received at the date of publication.

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73. LETTERS FROM COUNCILLORS

No letters have been received.

74. WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

No written questions have been received.

75. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

No Notices of Motion have been received.

76. DAILY LIVING CENTRE

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Report of the Director of Adult Social Care & Housing (copy attached).

Contact Officer: Karin Divall

Tel: 29-4478

Ward Affected: All Wards;

77. CHOICE BASED LETTINGS AND EXTRA CARE

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Report of the Director of Adult Social Care & Housing (copy attached).

Contact Officer: Karin Divall, Sylvia
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Tel: 29-4478, Tel: 293318

Ward Affected: All Wards;

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ADULT SOCIAL CARE & HEALTH CABINET MEMBER MEETING

Agenda Item 67

Brighton & Hove City Council

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

ADULT SOCIAL CARE & HEALTH CABINET MEMBER MEETING

4.00pm 6 MARCH 2009

COMMITTEE ROOM 1, HOVE TOWN HALL

MINUTES

Present: Councillor K Norman (Cabinet Member)

Also in attendance: Councillor Lepper (Opposition Spokesperson)

Other Members present: Councillor Wrighton.

PART ONE

54. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

54(a) Declarations of Interests

54.1 There were none.

54(b) Exclusion of Press and Public

54.2 In accordance with section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 ("the Act"), the Cabinet Member considered whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during an item of business on the grounds that it was likely, in view of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the press and public were present during that item, there would be disclosure to them of confidential information (as defined in section 100A(3) of the Act) or exempt information (as defined in section 100I(1) of the Act).

54.3 **RESOLVED** - That the press and public be not excluded from the meeting.

55. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

55.1 **RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the Adult Social Care & Health Cabinet Member Meeting held on 22 January 2009 be agreed and signed by the Cabinet Member.

56. CABINET MEMBER'S COMMUNICATIONS

56.1 There were none

57. ITEMS RESERVED FOR DISCUSSION

57.1 **RESOLVED** – All items were reserved for discussion.

58. PETITIONS

58.1 There were none.

59. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

59.1 There were none.

60. DEPUTATIONS

60.1 There were none.

61. LETTERS FROM COUNCILLORS

61.1 There were none.

62. WRITTEN QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

62.1 There were none.

63. NOTICES OF MOTIONS

63.1 There were none.

64. OLDER PEOPLE MENTAL HEALTH PLANNING FRAMEWORK 2009/10 TO 2011/12

64.1 The Director of Community Care introduced the report of the Director of Strategy, Brighton & Hove City PCT, which set out the vision for the future development and commissioning of services to support older people with mental health needs, and their carers, in Brighton and Hove (for copy see minute book). The planning framework and the three year action plan were attached as appendix 1. In twelve months time, when year one of the action plan has been implemented, the framework would be updated and a full commissioning strategy would be published. Meanwhile, the framework would be reviewed in light of the publication of the National Dementia Strategy on 3 February 2009.

64.2 The Director of Adult Social Care & Housing explained that the Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on 5 March had discussed the new Dementia Strategy and had expressed an interest in helping to inform the Older People Mental Health final strategy document. A report on this matter would be submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny Commission. The Director reported that Ian Bainbridge, the Deputy Regional Director of Social Care, Department of Health, South East, was keen for Brighton & Hove to bid for money as a demonstrator site for dementia. However, there was no extra money for the work on the strategy.

- 64.3 Councillor Lepper asked what kind of liaison had been carried out in relation to caring for people with dementia. The Commissioner for Older People Mental Health replied that there had been a consultation process and there would be Implementation Sub-Groups.
- 64.4 Councillor Wrighton informed the meeting that that the there had been enthusiasm at the Housing Overview & Scrutiny Committee in setting up a panel to consider dementia. This would be probably be arranged jointly with the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Councillor Wrighton considered the framework a positive approach to help people receive an earlier diagnosis and access help at an earlier stage. However she made the point that many people were in the more severe category. She asked how these people could be helped to engaged and helped into directed care. The Director replied that officers had a great deal of experience in terms of engaging people who do not have the capacity to engage themselves. A great deal could be learnt from the work carried out in learning disabilities.
- 64.5 Councillor Lepper made the point that there were a significant number of older people with a problem with alcoholism and some with a substance misuse problem. There did not appear to be much information in the report about this issue. The Director of Community Care agreed that there were a high number of admissions of older people with alcohol problems. There was a need to have clear pathways into main stream services.
- 64.6 The Cabinet Member thanked the Commissioner for Older People Mental Health for her work in preparing the report.
- 64.7 **RESOLVED** - Having considered the information and the reasons set out in the report, the Cabinet Member accepted the following recommendations:
- (1) That the Brighton and Hove Older People Mental Health Planning Framework 2009–2012, be approved.
- 65. PHYSICAL DISABILITY STRATEGY - CHOICE, INDEPENDENT LIVING AND PERSONALISED CARE - A DRAFT STRATEGY FOR PHYSICAL DISABILITY SERVICES 2009-2012**
- 65.1 The Director of Community Care introduced a report of the Director of Adult Care & Housing which set out the first Physical Disability Commissioning Strategy for the City. It was a joint strategy across Brighton & Hove PCT and Brighton & Hove City Council and outlined the development of services for adults with physical disability over the next three years 2009-2012 (for copy see minute book).
- 65.2 Councillor Lepper acknowledged that people were happier in their own homes but expressed concern that some were left to fend for themselves. She would like assurances that help was at hand when things broke down. The Director of Community Care replied that there was a need to ensure that there was a choice of accommodation for people and that officers worked with the adaptations team. The role of advocates and continuity plans were important. There needed to be robust planning to ensure people were not left to fend for themselves.

- 65.3 Councillor Lepper reported that she had come across problems with a long waiting list for adaptations to bathrooms. For example, she knew of someone who had waited a year for a shower to be fitted. The Director of Adult Social Care & Housing replied that adaptations were a national issue. Locally, a lot of work had been carried out in this area and she expected an improvement in the next year. For example, officers were looking to improve procurement. Local authorities with short turnarounds had tighter criteria. The Director did not wish to see tighter criteria and subsequently fewer people being able to access help with adaptations. Councillor Wrighton reported that scrutiny was taking up the issue of adaptations.
- 65.4 Councillor Wrighton asked if there was a different way women could approach the strategy. She also raised the issue of the impact on equalities. The Commissioner for Physical Disabilities replied that an example would be the parenting role for disabled women. The Commissioner mentioned other examples of how the strategy would affect different groups, such as men's health promotion, helping hard to reach groups such as the BME community. A health trainer could outreach hard to reach groups. There had been a great deal of input from different groups and the strategy would need to be broad and responsive to the range of individual needs.
- 65.5 The Director of Adult Social Care & Housing stressed that clear direction on physical disabilities had been a gap in the city. She thanked the Commissioner for Physical Disabilities and the General Manager, Adult Social Care for producing a report of such quality.
- 65.6 **RESOLVED** – Having considered the information and the reasons set out in the report, the Cabinet Member accepted the following recommendations:
- (1) - That the attached strategy be noted and endorsed.

The meeting concluded at 4.40pm

Signed

Chair

Dated this

day of

ADULT SOCIAL CARE & HEALTH CABINET MEMBER MEETING

Agenda Item 76

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject: Daily Living Centre
Date of Meeting: 24th April 2009
Report of: Director Adult Social Care & Housing
Contact Officer: Name: Karin Divall Tel: 29-4478
E-mail: Karin.divall@brighton-hove.gov.uk
Key Decision: No
Wards Affected: All

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT

- 1.1 The Daily Living Centre is based in a privately rented business unit and the lease expires in October 2009.
- 1.2 This lease expiry provides an opportunity to explore whether there is a better location for the DLC which provides improved value for money and improved access.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Cabinet Member agrees the relocation of the Daily Living Centre.

3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:

- 3.1 In the first six months of 2007/8 the DLC received 1,370 visitors, 1,990 phone calls and 1,131 enquiries by post. Customer feedback is excellent and people who visited the DLC found this to be a valuable source of information (100% of people completing the survey). There are however issues regarding location, accessibility and noise levels from an exercise studio above the centre.
- 3.2 The service costs an annual £100,000 which funds the staff team and the building rental. The DLC is based within Hove Business Park, on a 5 year lease which expires in October 2009. The service stands alone with its own management arrangements and therefore is expensive to run costing about £36 per visitor.

- 3.3 The expiry of the lease provides an opportunity to review the location of the DLC. And a suitable alternative venue has been identified at Montague House Resource Centre. Although the space available is less than currently available, there is adequate room to provide a useful service and in a more accessible location.
- 3.4 Montague House Resource Centre currently accommodates the Assessment Team for people with Physical Disabilities, the Sensory Team, and the Occupational Therapy Initial Response Team providing daily living aids and equipment. The Day Service provides a traditional day service for Disabled Adults but is also developing improved outreach and reablement work. By relocating the Daily Living Centre and Montague House together there are opportunities to develop a user led service which brings together a range of services for Disabled Adults as a centre of excellence.
- 3.5 An Equalities Baseline Assessment has been completed and this identified that service users find it difficult to visit the DLC by public transport, and that the parking bays are taken by people not using the DLC. An opportunity was also identified to develop a mobile DLC and to better promote the service, and the co-location of the DLC within Montague House could enable this service to be developed.
- 3.6 By relocating the Daily Living Centre at Montague House this will provide better value for money as there will not need to be a separate manager for the building and there will not be extra service charges or rental costs.
- 3.7 Work is currently underway to enable service users of Montague House day Service to volunteer at Tower House Day Service for Older people. Similar opportunities would be available for service users to volunteer at the DLC and thereby learn new employment skills.
- 3.8 Closer links have been developed between the Federation for Disabled People and Montague House Day Service including information and advice services run by the Federation for service users. The Federation are interested in opportunities to link more with the DLC and to promote the availability and sale of daily living equipment.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 Consultation with the service users at Montague House Day Service was carried out during February and no issues were raised about the impact on existing services at Montague House. The comments received included.....

“I have been unable to visit the D L C as it is not on a bus route” C W

“ I was not aware a service like this is available, it is a good idea, and I would use it” J S

“ I went there once by taxi, but it cost me a lot of money” J C

“ It would be a great asset for the resource centre” P P. JFS. AC

“ Would an O T be available to discuss issues with us?” D C

- 4.2 Consultation was carried out with services who use the DLC during March and the only concern raised was that the space at Montague House is slightly smaller than that currently provided at Hove Business Park. We are therefore responding to this by reviewing the equipment provided, carrying out house-keeping to

remove any redundant equipment and will continue to meet with services who use the DLC during the relocation to ensure that a full range of equipment that meets their needs is available at the new location.

- 4.3 The Brighton & Hove Federation of Disabled People are also aware of the planned relocation of the service and are interested in developing equipment services, for example by selling equipment, once the new service is established.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 5.1 The relocation of the Daily Living Centre to Montague House will support Value for Money through delivery of efficiency savings estimated at £40,000 and making better use of assets. The works required to support the move will be managed within the budget.

Finance Officer Consulted: Anne Silley Date: 26th March 2009

Legal Implications:

- 5.2 This report describes the re-location of the Daily Living Centre to a more accessible location. Full and proper consultation has been undertaken, in accordance with Human Rights Act principles. There are no other specific legal implications arising from this report.

Lawyer Consulted: Sandra O'Brien. Date: 7th April 2009

Equalities Implications:

- 5.3 An Equalities Baseline assessment has been carried out for the DLC and some of the areas for development are incorporated in this report. Montague House provides a well resourced and accessible building for disabled people.

Sustainability Implications:

- 5.4 The relocation of the DLC at Montague House maximises the use of the building and provides a long term location within an existing council building.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.5 The building at Montague House provides a safe and secure resource for disabled and vulnerable people.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

- 5.6 The location of the service within a council building reduces risk of losing services and provides better value for money.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 5.7 The service provides a city wide service and the location in Kempt Town is better served by public transport than the existing service in Hove so should provide a more accessible service for people across the city.

6. EVALUATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTION(S):

- 6.1 The other option is to remain at Hove Business Park but this does not provide a value for money option or ideal location.

7. REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 There is an opportunity with the expiry of the lease to review an alternative location of the DLC.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

None

Documents In Members' Rooms

None

Background Documents

None

ADULT SOCIAL CARE & HEALTH CABINET MEMBER MEETING

Agenda Item 77

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject: Choice Based Lettings and Extra Care
Date of Meeting: 24th April 2009
Report of: Director, Adult Social Care and Housing
Contact Officer: Name: Karin Divall/Sylvia Peckham Tel: 29-4478
E-mail: Karin.divall@brighton-hove.gov.uk
Key Decision: No
Wards Affected: All

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 This report explores how we could develop a model of allocation for extra care housing that provides transparency, addresses value for money, and meets the care and support needs of vulnerable people in the City within a framework of Choice Based Lettings.
- 1.2 Extra Care is a resource that meets the long term care needs of older people so that the assessment for and provision of social care is essential. However we also recognise the benefits of delivering extra care within Choice Based lettings, the approach adopted for the allocation of housing across the City.
- 1.3 Extra Care housing is funded through a mixture of housing, social care and supporting people funding streams and as such it is a specialist form of supported housing that is allocated based on social care needs. It is currently allocated following a social care; Fair Access to Care (FACS) assessment which is based on care and support needs rather than housing needs, although the person may be in housing need.
- 1.4 There are currently 33 extra care flats in the City managed by Hanover Housing that are available for rent, with a further 40 rented flats available at Patching Lodge from May 2009. Some of these properties are already committed to former tenants of Patching Lodge who were given an undertaking prior to decanting that they could return if they wished.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Cabinet Member endorse that Extra Care Housing should be allocated through Choice Base Lettings in line with the allocation of other affordable housing across the City

- 2.2 That the Cabinet Member endorse that all extra care vacancies are marked as such within the Homemove publications and are available only for people following an ASC assessment and confirmation that they meet ASC eligibility for extra care housing.

3.0 RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Choice Based Lettings

- 3.1 Choice Based Lettings (CBL) is the platform adopted by the Council through which to allocate properties based on housing need. Households are assessed under the Allocation policy and are awarded a Banding depending on their housing need and medical circumstances and a priority date depending on when they either applied to join the Housing Register or were re-assessed into a higher band.
- 3.2 Housing Management and partner RSLs advertise vacant properties and households bid for up to 3 each fortnight. The shortlist is drawn up on the basis of the household in the highest band with the earliest priority date having first been checked for eligibility i.e. if the property is for over 50s and a person under 50 bids on it.
- 3.3 We have explored whether Extra Care Housing could be incorporated into CBL in line with the legal framework for housing allocations. All authorities are required to introduce an element of choice in their allocations policy by 2010. This would provide improved transparency and is in line with increased choice and control for users of Adult Social Care services.

Extra Care Housing

- 3.4 Extra Care is a relatively new concept and has been promoted by the Department of Health as a more appropriate response to meeting the long term care needs of older people. What distinguishes it from sheltered or supported housing is the level of personal social care on site. The commissioning of the care and pathway have therefore been managed through Adult Social Care assessment and have come from all housing tenures. Extra Care housing is a “meeting point” for two historically different approaches.
- 3.5 Extra care Housing is currently allocated by Adult Social Care using the following criteria that tenants would usually:
- be ordinarily resident in Brighton & Hove, and
 - be over 55 years of age, and
 - be assessed as requiring support to maintain independent living that cannot be provided within their own homes, or
 - be *at risk* of being admitted to residential care, or
 - be currently living in residential care but able to live more independently, or
 - be leading an unacceptably poor quality of life with no prospect of improvement so long as they continue to live at home.

- Should be willing to accept support and have a care plan.

4 PROPOSAL

4.1 Housing Strategy are reviewing the way both Sheltered Accommodation and Adapted Properties are allocated and are proposing that such properties are advertised through Choice Based Lettings with bidding being restricted to those households who have been assessed as needing that type of accommodation. This will safeguard households bidding for properties they do not need and will ensure better use is made of the stock.

4.2 Extra Care housing could also be allocated using the same procedures. When a unit becomes available it would be advertised with details as to the level of mobility and number of hours care that can be offered. Only those households who have been assessed as needing Extra Care accommodation* and need the level of care that matches that available unit, will be able to then bid for it. A shortlist will then produced of all eligible households who have been assessed as needing that type of accommodation will be produced and the accommodation offered accordingly.

* meeting Fair Access to Care Services (FACS) substantial or critical eligibility criteria and the extra care criteria

4.3 The development of this approach would bring additional benefits:

- People would be able to apply for extra care within Choice Based Lettings and an appropriate Adult Social Care assessment could then be arranged.
- Appropriate Adult Social Care assessments could be arranged so that people are properly supported when they move into sheltered or supported housing.
- The assessment process could be developed to include other specialist and supported housing currently managed within Housing Services.
- Involvement of Adult Social Care in the housing process would improve knowledge and therefore appropriate access for Adult Social Care service users into housing.
- The allocation of specialist housing would be transparent with fair and equal access to those who needed it.
- The system of allocation by Adult Social Care would be set within a publicly accessible system of housing allocation.

5. ISSUES

5.1 Housing Register

In order to be eligible for Homemove, people have to first register on the transfer or joint housing register and they will be allocated within a band dependant upon their housing needs. Those households who need Extra Care housing will then be put forward to Adult Social Care for assessment if they haven't already been assessed under the existing arrangements. The assessment will establish that

- they do need Extra Care
- the level of mobility and number of hours care that they require.

When a vacancy within extra care is identified the care provider will advise Homemove and include the level of care that is available; low (less than 5 hours per week), medium (5-10 hours per week) or high (over 10 hours). This will then be advertised in Homemove, and people will be able to bid on those available Extra Care properties which meet their requirements. In this way, needs will be matched to accommodation. A shortlist will then be drawn up and the accommodation will be offered to the household whose care needs are banded at the available level (low, medium or high) with the highest housing need (who are in the highest housing band).

5.2 FACS. In order to continue to maximise value for money and the appropriate use of extra care for people with levels of care and support that can best be met in extra care, prospective applicants will need to meet eligibility criteria for social care services and to have either had an assessment or for an assessment to be undertaken. This is unlikely to delay the letting of extra care flats as the assessment will need to be undertaken anyway before the flat can be offered.

5.3 Security of Tenure. People in Extra Care Housing, have Assured Tenancies, the same as tenants in general needs permanent RSL housing. This means that the RSL are not able to move people on if the service user chooses not to move because they have security of tenure.

5.4 Other Benefits. Other Local Authorities who have included Extra Care housing advertising in CBL have found that because they are able to more easily demonstrate the level of need for that type of accommodation, they have been successful in attracting additional funding to develop more units. It has assisted the whole planning and development process in being able to better identify need in the area.

5.6 Moving On. When people are ready to move out of Extra Care Housing, which happens very rarely, they will apply to join the Housing Register and will be assessed according to their housing need. They will then bid on properties which are suitable for their need. In addition, their Housing options will be assessed so as to advise on the most appropriate option to enable them to move from Extra Care housing. If the providers of Extra Care become partners of CBL, then those tenants needing to move out can be treated as transfers.

5.7 Deposits. Supporting People have recently agreed £100k set aside to be used as Deposit Guarantees to enable people ready to move on from supported housing to access private rented accommodation. It is confirmed that this would also cover those people ready to move on from Extra Care Housing.

6. CONSULTATION

6.1 None

7. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

7.1 Financial Implications:

The proposed model of allocation of extra care housing should produce efficiencies in the process, be delivered within the budget and support value for money through the delivery of extra care support

Finance Officer Consulted: Anne Silley

Date: 25.02.09

Legal Implications:

7.2 Each local housing authority is statutorily required to have an allocation scheme for determining priorities and as to the procedure to be followed in allocating housing accommodation. The Council has an allocation scheme – Choice Based Lettings. Local housing authorities must not allocate accommodation otherwise than in accordance with their scheme. The Council must afford all registered social landlords with whom they have nomination rights the opportunity to comment on changes to a scheme which constitutes a major change of policy. (section 167 (7) Housing Act 1996.) It is not considered that the proposed changes dealing with the allocation of extra care housing amount to a major change of policy.

The report recommends adopting a model of allocation for extra care housing which should enable the Council to meet the housing needs of older and disabled service users in a fair and transparent manner and utilising value for money principles. The allocation of such housing will be made in accordance with existing eligibility criteria which is a lawful and proper methodology for Councils to use in terms of meeting their statutory duties within available resources.

It may be necessary to ensure that appropriate support is given to vulnerable adults who are eligible for such housing in terms of using the bidding process to ensure that they do have unfettered access to this service. There are no other specific legal /human rights implications which arise from this report, in terms of community care legislation.

Lawyer Consulted: Liz Woodley/Hilary Priestley

Date: 25.02.09

Equalities Implications:

- 7.3 Extra Care Housing provides housing and care for some of the most vulnerable people in the City and enables people to live independently and securely with high levels of health and care needs.

Sustainability Implications:

- 7.4 Extra Care housing that has been newly developed in the City has been built to high standards of sustainability and in accordance with the City's policies.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 7.5 Extra Care housing provides a secure yet independent form of housing for vulnerable older and disabled people.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

- 7.6 Failure to adopt the changes prescribed in the attached new Allocations Policy could render the Local Authority vulnerable to legal challenge.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 7.7 This proposal will increase the choice of services available locally for people who need Extra Care Housing and so enable them to participate as equal citizens in the city of Brighton & Hove.

8. EVALUATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTION(S):

- 8.1 The alternative would be for the policy to remain as per the current policy. This however may leave the Local Authority open to legal challenge as Extra Care Housing would be allocated outside of the Council's adopted policy of Choice Based lettings.

9. REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 This decision is being sought so that extra care housing can be allocated in a transparent way which will prevent any potential for legal challenge in the future.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

None

Documents In Members' Rooms

None

Background Documents

None