

REQUEST FOR TOPIC TO BE CONSIDERED BY SCRUTINY

Title of report – Sheltered Housing Refurbishment Programme

<p>Purpose of Report</p>	<p>To share with members the findings of the Options Appraisal which was carried out on the Sheltered Housing stock and to seek approval to adopt the recommendations to carry out the refurbishment/remodelling of the stock.</p> <p>The Council’s Sheltered Housing Service has, for many years, provided a service that is both popular and has made a significant difference to the quality of life of many older people, both in providing companionships and social contact and in providing safety and security.</p> <p>There is still a need for this model of accommodation, but the reality is that much of this accommodation is inappropriate for the increasing support needs of older people, where space standards, ease of access and facilities are important.</p>
<p>Expected Outcomes</p>	<p>The programme would support the delivery of the following Council plan priorities;</p> <p>Pe2 – Supporting people to live active, independent lives within their community.</p> <p>Pe3 – Safeguarding those who are vulnerable</p> <p>PI1 – Promoting good quality homes and regeneration</p> <p>PI3 - Communities with sustainable, attractive settlements, neighbourhoods, buildings and spaces.</p>
<p>Value of bringing to Scrutiny</p>	<p>In 2016 Michael Dyson Associates were commissioned to carry out an options appraisal on the sheltered housing stock. This was to identify the condition of the sheltered stock, the amount of future investment required per scheme and designs for the options available.</p> <p>In the report the findings of appraisal will be presented and the options that the council would like recommended.</p>
<p>Information Required</p>	<p>Report will be provided</p>
<p>Suggested Officer / Lead Member attendance</p>	<p>Cllr David Griffiths – Lead Member for Housing, Julie Francis – Service Manager for Housing</p>
<p>External involvement and benefit</p>	<p>Not at this stage. No consultation/communication has taken place on any of the proposals as no decision or approval has been granted to the findings of the options appraisal of the sheltered housing stock. Officers do not want to cause any concern or anxiety for tenants in the possibility that they may lose their home, or their scheme is demolished. Once approval is granted, a full communications strategy will be produced and all tenants will be communicated with and involved on a regular basis.</p>
<p>Lead Member / Head of Department Comment</p>	<p>The Council’s approved build and buy programme allows for the acquisition of new general needs housing. The key market gap is in the sheltered housing sector (accommodation for people aged 60 and over) and it is here that the Council can make a real impact by building new state of the art premises that can accommodate the needs of an aging population, allowing people to live in their home for longer and to reduce the burden on the care sector – sustaining communities for longer. This is a really good opportunity for the Council to make a positive difference.</p>

Submitted by:		22 October 2018	
Date:			
<p>This Scrutiny topic request is supported by the following Members (optional).</p> <p>1. _____ (print) _____ (signature)</p> <p>2. _____ (print) _____ (signature)</p> <p>3. _____ (print) _____ (signature)</p> <p>4. _____ (print) _____ (signature)</p>			
<p>Please tick all that apply and ensure that you have provided the necessary supporting detail.</p>			<p>Please tick √</p>
1	Referral from other Committee / Council / external body or partnership		
2	Committee steer / recommendation for Lead Member or Head of Department (not proceeding to Executive Board or Council at this stage)		√
	Committee steer / recommendation for Executive Board /Council (please provide date of Executive Board / Council meeting)		
	Information Only		
3	Official Consultation Document (e.g. proposed Government Legislation / Guidance)		
4	Does the issue involve public dissatisfaction with Council's performance? Insert relevant Council Priority Outcomes number(s) which are listed overleaf:-		
5	Has the issue been considered in the last 12 months by any other Member Forum? Please specify:-		No
6	Please specify which meeting of the Scrutiny Committee you wish to submit the report to and why:- Homes and Environment Scrutiny		

COUNCIL STRATEGIC THEMES AND PRIORITY OUTCOMES

ECONOMY OUTCOMES:

- E1 – Encouraging people to live, work, learn, visit and invest here
- E2 – Supporting Businesses to locate and grow here
- E3 – Helping Tackle Poverty

PEOPLE OUTCOMES:-

- Pe1 – Supporting people to have positive aspirations, learn and achieve their potential.
- Pe2 – Supporting people to live active, independent lives within their community.
- Pe3 – Safeguarding those who are vulnerable.
- Pe4 – Working with our partners to make Wrexham a safe place where people feel included.
- Pe5 – Enabling access to leisure and cultural activities.

PLACE OUTCOMES:-

- PI1 – Promoting good quality homes and regeneration.
- PI2 – Pride in our environment.
- PI3 - Communities with sustainable, attractive settlements, neighbourhoods, buildings and spaces.
- PI4 – Well-connected and sustainable communities.

ORGANISATION OUTCOMES:-

- O1 – Continuing to modernise our services.
- O2 – Supporting a resilient Council.