

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

ADULT SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of meeting: 13 April 2012
Report of: The Borough Solicitor and Monitoring Officer
Title: Call In of the Closure of Bexton Court

1.0 Report Summary

This report sets out the procedure for the Call-in of the decision of the Cabinet made on 5 March 2012 to confirm the permanent closure of Bexton Court.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Scrutiny Committee considers whether or not it wishes to offer advice to the decision maker in response to the Call In.

3.0 Wards Affected

- 5.1 All Wards

4.0 Local Ward Members

- 4.1 All Members for the above Wards.

5.0 Policy Implications

- 5.1 Contained within the attached report.

6.0 Financial Implications

- 6.1 Contained within the attached report.

7.0 Legal Implications

- 7.1 Contained within the attached report.

8.0 Risk Assessment

- 8.1 Contained within the attached report.

9.0 Background and Options

- 9.1 In accordance with Scrutiny Procedure Rule 12.3, any 8 or more Councillors can call in a decision. In this case, 8 Members have called in the above decision for the reasons identified in Appendix 1
- 9.2 In accordance with Scrutiny Procedure Rule 12.6 the Committee has two options in respect of any further action. The Committee may decide to offer no advice, in which case the decision may be implemented. Alternatively, the Committee may

decide to offer advice, in which case, the matter must be referred to the Cabinet, in order for a decision to be made upon it. In accordance with Scrutiny Procedure Rule 12.8, the Cabinet is not bound to accept any advice offered to it and will have sole discretion on any further action to be taken. Such action may include:

- (1) Confirming with or without amendment the original decision; or
- (2) Deferring the matter pending further consideration; or
- (3) Making a different decision.

- 9.3 Where the Scrutiny Committee decides to offer advice, this must be clearly documented in the minutes
- 9.4 If the Scrutiny Committee decides not to offer any advice, then the decision of the Cabinet can be implemented immediately.
- 9.5 Full details of the Call-In Procedure can be found at Scrutiny Procedure Rule 12
- 9.6 The Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Lead Officer will attend the meeting to explain the background and reasons for the decision and to answer any questions the Committee may have.
- 9.7 The following records the decision of the Cabinet of 5 March 2012:

RESOLVED

- 1. *That the importance be recognised of ensuring that the outcome of the public consultation was carefully considered in the evaluation of the proposals in the business case.*
- 2. *That approval be given to the recommendations in the business case (Appendix B of the report) summarised along with the key considerations as follows:*

KNUTSFORD/WILMSLOW/POYNTON

Overall 23 options were considered. There was additional consultation specifically related to the Knutsford developments and the original proposal to close the Stanley Centre and to re-provide locally has been modified to retain local services whilst releasing Stanley House. Work continues to engage with Health regarding future opportunities with local development on the Bexton Court site.

- a) Invest in new Changing Places facilities and enhanced lifestyle facilities at Wilmslow Leisure Centre;*
- b) Separate the Stanley Centre from Stanley House and make improvements to bathroom facilities. This will permit Stanley House to be returned to the corporate landlord property pool whilst retaining local Learning Disability day care facilities;*
- c) Confirm the permanent closure of Bexton Court acknowledging that local demand for dementia respite is adequately provided for by the independent sector. Work with partners from Health to assess the future usage of the site;*
- d) Invest in modifications to Redesmere to develop it as a multi purpose centre and permit the transfer of Learning Disability day care services from Dean Row. Subsequently to declare Dean Row surplus to requirements and return it to the corporate landlord property pool. The longer term goal is to*

move as soon as possible towards an integrated service which includes an integrated SMART, Frontline and Independent Living Centre (ILC) alongside the Lifestyle developments.

MACCLESFIELD

The alternative, more cost-effective, proposals for Hollins View now avoid disruption to customers during developments and significantly enhance local dementia services by providing a separate day centre provision which increases capacity and retains flexibility for future developments on that site.

- e) Invest in new Changing Places facilities and enhanced lifestyle facilities at Macclesfield Leisure Centre;*
- f) Convert the current Youth Offending Team building at Hollins View into specialist dementia day care facilities with secure garden areas. This will permit some local customers to transfer from Mayfields;*
- g) Transfer day care services from Peatfields to Mayfields, declare Peatfields surplus to requirements and return it to the corporate landlord property pool.*

CONGLETON

Following consultation feedback the original proposals to provide additional complex Learning Disability (LD) respite at Mountview as an alternative to Queens Drive have been reconsidered. Therefore significant respite over-capacity will remain and further work will be done to explore options including Carter House where short-term investment is required. This work will need to examine independent sector alternative provision, the potential future use of Hollins View, and will require close monitoring of all service usage for the immediate future. The high level of demand for dementia care in this area is acknowledged.

- h) Investment in Mountview to convert some existing Older People (OP) bedrooms into 10 additional dementia respite beds;*
- i) Closure of offices at 48/54 Lawton Street;*
- j) Possible investment in Carter House for the essential improvements to make it fit for purpose.*

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Following consultation feedback the original proposals to provide additional complex Learning Disability respite at Mountview as an alternative to Queens Drive have been reconsidered and supplemented with proposals at the more local Lincoln House.

- k) Investment in Lincoln House to create 5 additional Learning/Physical Disability respite beds;*
- l) Transfer of respite services from Queens Drive to both Lincoln House and Mountview, the subsequent closure of Queens Drive and its return to the corporate landlord property pool.*

- 3. That approval be given to the renegotiation of the Service Level Agreement with Care4CE realigned with the anticipated future demand and incorporating appropriate staff consultations. Whilst these proposals will have a significant impact on the current double running costs (services being commissioned by individuals personal budgets in the independent sector and continued surplus services remaining within internal provision via Care4CE) it is anticipated that there will continue to be some surplus capacity within Care4CE both in the short and medium term. The continual review of capacity will be needed both in the medium and longer term.*

4. *That it be confirmed that that the Places and People Directorates will work together to support the alternative, but minimal, transport provisions that might be required as a result of these proposed changes.*
 5. *That approval be given to the joint exploration of additional Lifestyle bases in line with the positive endorsements of the Lifestyle concept received during the consultation, working with the Places Directorate.*
 6. *That as part of the next phase of the review, the exploration of further solutions for delivery of Complex Learning Disability respite be endorsed, to possibly include additional development of the Hollins View site and options for services currently delivered from Warwick Mews. Additionally this work to incorporate the changing levels of Intermediate Care demand and possible developments on the Tatton site. Any proposals would be subject to consultation and future Cabinet decisions.*
 7. *That other ongoing work with Local Engagement Groups and other partners be endorsed, exploring future service developments and working to promote the development of a mixed economy for service provision providing greater choice and flexibility for customers. The outcome of this will result in further proposals being presented to Cabinet at a future date.*
- 9.8 The Report of the Strategic Director - Children, Families and Adults considered by the Cabinet on 5 March 2012 is attached at Appendix 2.
- 9.9 A response to the issues raised in the Call-In Notice is attached at Appendix 3.
- 10.0 **Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Call In Notice

Appendix 2 – Report of the Strategic Director, Children, Families and Adults

Appendix 3 – Response to the issues raised in the Call-in Notice

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Background Documents:-

Documents are available for inspection at:

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