

## **CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL**

### **REPORT TO: Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee**

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<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	12 August 2010
<b>Report of:</b>	Adult Services – People Directorate
<b>Subject/Title:</b>	Call in Report - Future Provision for Older People with Dementia
<b>Portfolio Holder</b>	Councillor Roland Domleo

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#### **1.0 Report Summary**

- 1.1 Cabinet received a report on the above issue on the 19<sup>th</sup> July 2010. Consideration was given to the closure of Cypress House, Handforth, and to the future planning and delivery of services for people with dementia. The report consolidated work carried out so far and pointed the way for the future planning and delivery of these services, especially the model within the Council's provider Care4CE. The decisions requested would sustain the transformational momentum in Adult Services and contribute to the wider development of commissioning, provision and delivery within the Council.
- 1.2 Cabinet was asked to note the following amendments to the report: -
- the wording in para 9(i) (Wider Building Review) had been amended to read 'and future services are supplied from the former'.
  - the recommendation in para 2.3 of the report had been deleted as it had been included in error.

#### **2. Cabinet Resolution**

For the reasons set out in the report, and as now reported: -

That agreement be given : -

- 2.1 To the closure of Cypress House based on the results of discussions with service users and their carers and noting that services currently provided on the site are available and nobody who qualifies will be denied a service.
- 2.2 That, Cypress House be declared surplus to requirements and that it be sold on the open market if not required for Cheshire East Council.
- 2.3 To complete further work to progress the business case to develop two further sites, one in Macclesfield and one in Congleton to deliver the

Dementia model jointly with Central and Eastern Cheshire Primary Care Trust, with a next report anticipated for Cabinet in October this year.

- 2.4 To the rationalisation of building use where this does not impact upon the range and volume of service provided to enable additional capital receipts to be added to support progress with the Living with Dementia strategy.
- 2.5 To recognise that Care4CE has reduced its cost base, rationalised its structure and purpose in line with Cabinet decisions and budget requirements and should now explore securing further commercial freedom to assist its development as an asset to Cheshire East Council.

### **3. Grounds for the Call-In**

The decision in 2.3 above was subject to call in because of the uncertain future of Central and Eastern Cheshire Primary Care Trust. Councillor Dorothy Flude wanted to know how these proposals could go forward given the uncertainty about the future of the PCT. The matter was considered at the Scrutiny Mid Point Meeting on 30 July 2010 and a date set for formal consideration of this matter.

### **4. Response to the Call-In**

- 4.1 The development of the Council's proposals for Community Support Centres will continue well within the timescale for the formal dissolution of the PCTs (currently set for April 2013). Meanwhile, it is clear that PCTs are already beginning to engage GP Practice Based consortia in their consideration of the future direction of key projects and we may expect that this will occur in respect of the development of the Dementia Strategy. In any event, the first stage of the implementation of the dementia strategy as it applies to buildings, the development of Lincoln House, was capable of delivery without the active engagement of Health partners. It is entirely possible that the next two developments could be carried out by the Council alone if the Health partners considered that they could not become involved because of uncertainty about their future. Health partners would be consulted and developments would take place in a manner consistent with known priorities in Health, of which tackling dementia will clearly be one.
- 4.2 The precise form of the proposals for the Centre and the North of the area will be brought before Cabinet in the Autumn. It appears likely that this may be in the form of proposals for refurbishment rather than rebuilding. The remaining Community Support Centres that have not been refurbished – Bexton Court, Hollins View and Mountview are the candidates for consideration at that stage.

### **5. Conclusion**

The demise of the PCT, which is not scheduled until April 2013 is not sufficient reason to delay proposals to take forward the dementia strategy in Cheshire East. Indeed it would be most regrettable if structural changes were to have a detrimental effect upon the implementation of measures to put together a more relevant and effective pattern of provision for those with dementia and their carers. There will be changes in the arrangements with health partners and it will be ever more important to engage with GP consortia as the new arrangements develop. This is already in hand in Cheshire East.

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## **6.0 Access to Information**

The background papers relating to this report are below:

<http://moderngov.cheshireeast.gov.uk/ecminutes/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=241&MId=3094&Ver=4>