

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

REPORT TO : JOINT EXTRA CARE HOUSING MANAGEMENT BOARD

Date of Meeting:	7 September 2010
Report of:	Lynn Glendenning, Commissioning Manager
Subject/Title:	Submission to Homes & Communities Agency

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 This report is to provide a status report on the progress of the Councils' submission on the Extra Care Housing Round 5 bid to the Homes & Communities Agency (HCA).

2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 That the report be noted.

3.0 Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 To inform Members of the progress with the Round 5 Submission.

4.0 Wards Affected

- 4.1 Poynton and Sandbach East & Rode in Cheshire East.
- 4.2 Blacon and Sutton & Manor, (Ellesmere Port) in Cheshire West and Chester.

5.0 Local Ward Members

- 5.1 Poynton – Cllr Roger West, Cllr Chris Beard, Cllr Howard Murray
Sandbach East & Rode – Cllr Elsie Alcock, Cllr Rhoda Bailey, Cllr Andrew Barrett
- 5.2 Blacon – Cllr Reggie Jones, Cllr Marie Nelson, Cllr Alex Tate
Sutton & Manor (Ellesmere Port) – Cllr Kimberley Anderson, Cllr Bob Crompton,
Cllr Paul Donovan

6.0 Policy Implications including - Climate change - Health

- 6.1 To assist in addressing the significant demographic shift toward the over 65 population in Cheshire East and Cheshire West and Chester.

7.0 Financial Implications

- 7.1 Any further contributions required would be referred to the respective Councils.

8.0 Legal Implications (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)

- 8.1 The Outline Business Case was submitted some time ago and the current discussions with the HCA are to develop the detail in the Business Case prior to a final submission.
- 8.2 Submission of the Business Case does not bind the Council to accept any offer made by the HCA for PFI credits.
- 8.3 If approval of the Business Case is forthcoming, then it is for the respective Councils to consider the issues of affordability and the terms on which the grant is offered before it is accepted..

9.0 Risk Management

- 9.1 The submission of additional information does not commit the Councils at this stage.

10.0 Background and Options

- 10.1 The Project Director and officers of both Councils have been in active discussions with the HCA in response to their request for additional information in advance of the resubmission of a final Outline Business Case. Further information regarding development works, planning strategy and financial modelling was sent to HCA on 10 June 2010. A further e-mail was received from HCA on 6 August asking for information on benchmarking of the costs against the Round 3 scheme. This information was sent to HCA on 19 August 2010. The Project Plan has been amended to cover the delays in resubmission and at present there is no impact on the date of Financial Close.

11.0 Access to Information

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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