

DECISION NOTICE

Notice is given that the following decision has been taken under the Provisions set out in the Council's Constitution

Decision maker: Joint decision of the Cabinet Member for Housing, Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration with the Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Care

Date: 13 February 2014

Decision in the matter of: The Vulnerable Persons Housing Strategy

Decision:

1. That approval be given to the draft Vulnerable Persons Housing Strategy and that its preliminary findings be noted.
2. That approval be given for officers to consult on the Strategy, and for the responses from that consultation to be incorporated into the finalised Strategy.

Background:

Work is underway to construct a Vulnerable Persons Housing Strategy for Cheshire East Borough Council to ensure that appropriate accommodation with care is engendered in the local area. The Strategy divides vulnerable people into eight primary groups, these being older people, learning disabilities, mental health issues, cared for children/care leavers, drug and alcohol issues, physical and sensory disabilities, domestic abuse and homelessness.

Extensive research and consultation has been conducted across Council services and wider partners, resulting in the production of the draft Strategy which highlights a variety of strategic priorities for each client group.

Finalising the Vulnerable Persons Housing Strategy will be the catalyst enabling the Council to map the current picture of accommodation supply and demand by client group and to baseline a picture of vulnerable persons housing within the Borough. The information will be used as a basis for developing an optimal model of accommodation and support provision across all vulnerable client groups, to inform Cheshire East's commissioning cycle and development priorities, integrate effective and appropriate housing into a multi-disciplinary and cross-agency approach for improving well-being for vulnerable people, and to provide an evolving evidence base to inform planning decisions and emergent policies.

Public consultation is required to ensure that the findings and priorities identified within the Strategy are representative of the views of affected constituents and wider stakeholders, and that the Council is transparent and participatory in the formation of its strategic direction.

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

Approved:

Signed
Councillor D Stockton (Cabinet Member for Housing, Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration)

Signed
Councillor J Clowes (Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Care)

Date: 13 February 2014

Advising Officer:

Signed
Karen Carsberg (Strategic Housing Manager)