



Draft Vulnerable Persons Housing Strategy

Consultation Response Document

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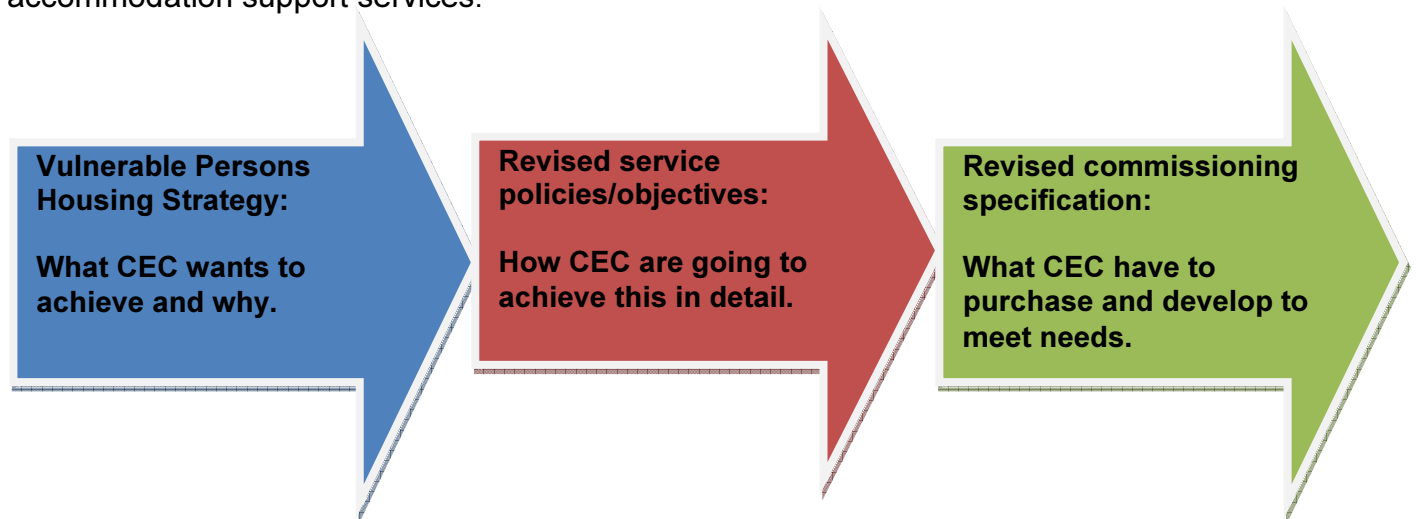
Vulnerable Persons Housing Strategy Consultation

Introduction

Cheshire East is developing a housing strategy to specifically cater for the needs of vulnerable people within the Borough, and wants to ensure that the views of constituents and other key stakeholders are reflected in this work.

The vulnerable persons housing strategy will set the priorities, direction, and actions designed to improve the performance and choice of specialist housing and related accommodation services for vulnerable people. It will do this by painting a picture of the accommodation landscape, mapping demand from residents against supply and assessing gaps.

The strategy outlines at a high-level the outcomes that Cheshire East wants to drive for vulnerable people's housing, as well as providing the evidence base that has informed these outcomes. The strategy and its action plan will shape all subsequent work involving the provision of vulnerable persons housing: individual policies and service objectives will form to incite the outcomes identified in the strategy, and the strategy will inform the future commissioning of housing and accommodation support services.



The strategy will focus on eight primary vulnerable groups, which will each be the subject of a chapter in the strategy. These are listed below in the order they appear in the strategy; this does not reflect any system of priority given to these groups:

- Older People
- Learning Disabilities
- Mental Health Issues
- Cared for Children and Care Leavers
- Drug and Alcohol Issues
- Physical and Sensory Disabilities
- Domestic Abuse
- Homelessness

Your Role and Views

Your contribution and response to this consultation will shape the eventual strategy, and subsequently all policy and commissioning decisions made surrounding vulnerable persons housing.

The strategy is currently in draft format based on initial analysis of the evidence base and consultation with internal Council services and a cross-section of wider partners and providers. This draft will continue to be refined in response to the input of stakeholders, including your response to this consultation.

The following questions relate to the draft strategy (hosted as a separate document in the same section of the website) and must be read in conjunction with this draft.

You can choose to respond by submitting your completed version of this form to the reception areas of Delamere House, Crewe, or Macclesfield Town Hall and marking it as for the attention of the Strategic Housing team. You can also post the form to the following address: Strategic Housing, Westfields, Sandbach, CW11 1HZ. Alternatively you can return an electronic version of the form to housingconsultations@cheshireeast.gov.uk.

This form is also translated into an online survey that you can complete directly from the Cheshire East website: <http://CheshireEast.VPHS.sgizmo.com/s3/>

The closing date for the submission of consultation responses is **3 April 2014**.

About You:

1. How would you describe yourself (tick all that apply)?

I live in some form of supported accommodation ☐

I utilise social care or support services ☐

I am related to or care for someone who lives in supported accommodation ☐

I represent an organisation that works with vulnerable people ☐

I class myself as a member of one of the vulnerable groups targeted within the strategy ☐

2. Age Range:

Under 16 ☐

16 - 18 ☐

18 - 24 ☐

25 - 34 ☐

35 – 44 ☐

45 – 54 ☐

55 – 64 ☐

65 - 74 ☐

Over 75 ☐

3. Organisation (if applicable):

4. Postcode (this is required to understand the needs of different areas):

Scope

The Strategy breaks vulnerable people into eight key client groups. It is recognised that there will be a crossover between these groupings as addressed throughout the Strategy.

It is important that the Strategy effectively identifies and includes all vulnerabilities to ensure it is as comprehensive as possible.

5. Are there any other vulnerable groups you think the strategy should cover?

Yes, (please select and detail in the box provided)

☐

No, feel the strategy covers all relevant vulnerable groups

☐

Unsure/ Don't know

☐

6. Are there any groups included that you think the strategy does not need to cover?

Yes, (please select and detail in the box provided)

☐

No, feel all groups mentioned are relevant to this strategy

☐

Unsure/ don't know

☐

7. Overall, how appropriate would you rate the scope of the strategy out of five? (*Where one equals highly appropriate and five equals not at all appropriate*).

Highly
appropriate

2

3

4

Not at all
appropriate

1

5

☐☐☐☐☐

8. Do you have any further comments to make on the scope of the strategy?

Findings

This section principally relates to the 'Key Findings' and 'Key Evidence Sources', which are found in the summary at the start of each chapter. These are then expanded upon in the 'Detailed Findings' section of each chapter.

The findings are the evidence base and subsequent conclusions that inform the priorities and actions for each client group; it is therefore important that these are robust and widely agreed so that the housing landscape depicted in the Strategy is accurate, and the foundations of the Strategy are sturdy.

9. How accurate do you feel the current findings contained within the Strategy are of each client groups housing situation within Cheshire East?

	Very Accurate	Accurate	Not very accurate	Not at all accurate
Older People	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Learning disabilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mental Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cared for Children and Care Leavers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drug and Alcohol Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Physical and Sensory Disabilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Domestic Abuse	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Homelessness	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

10. Are there any other findings or evidence sources that you would like to see added or explored within the strategy?

Yes, (please select and detail in the box provided)

☐

No, feel the strategy covers all relevant findings and/or evidence sources

☐

Unsure/ Don't know

☐

11. Overall, how would you rate the usefulness of the Strategy's findings out of five? (Where one equals very useful and five equals not at all useful).

Very Useful 1	2	3	4	Not at all useful 5
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

12. Do you have any further comments to make on the findings within the strategy?

Priorities

This section concerns three elements:

- the overall **Policy Framework** (page 13), which sets out the cross-cutting outcomes desired for all vulnerable people in Cheshire East;
- the '**Strategic Priorities**' sections in each chapter which outline important objectives for each client groups;
- and the **Action Plan**, which lists the actions that will help achieve these outcomes and priorities.

These elements form the strategic direction and intent of Cheshire East Council, and it is important that this direction of travel is the most beneficial route that will achieve what vulnerable people need from housing in the Borough.

Policy Framework

13.a. How strongly do you agree or disagree that the framework addresses the housing needs of vulnerable people in Cheshire East?

Strongly agree

☐

Agree

☐

Neither agree
nor disagree

☐

Disagree

☐

Strongly disagree

☐

b. Are there any other accommodation outcomes for vulnerable people that the Council should work towards?

Yes, (please select and detail in the box provided)

☐

No, feel the strategy covers all relevant accommodation outcomes

☐

Unsure/ Don't know

☐

Strategic Priorities

14.a. How accurate do you feel the priorities identified in the chapters for each client group are both in terms of how they reflect the findings associated to that group and your understanding of their needs?

	Very Accurate	Accurate	Not very accurate	Not at all accurate
Older People	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Learning disabilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mental Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cared for Children and Care Leavers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drug and Alcohol Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Physical and Sensory Disabilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Domestic Abuse	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Homelessness	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

b. Are there any other strategic priorities the strategy should consider for each client group?

Yes, (please select and detail in the box provided)

☐

No, feel the strategy covers all relevant priorities

☐

Unsure/ Don't know

☐

Action Plan

15.a. How effective do you feel that the actions are in achieving the priorities identified for each client group?

	Very effective	Effective	Not very effective	Not at all effective
Older People	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Learning disabilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mental Health Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cared for Children and Care Leavers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drug and Alcohol Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Physical and Sensory Disabilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Domestic Abuse	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Homelessness	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

b. Are there any other actions that you think are required to improve housing outcomes for vulnerable people?

Yes, (please select and detail in the box provided)

☐

No, feel the strategy covers all relevant actions

☐

Unsure/ Don't know

☐

Overall

16.Overall, how would you rate the relevance of the Strategy's identified priorities? (Where one equals very relevant and five equals not at all relevant).

Very Relevant
1

2

3

4

Not at all Relevant
5

☐☐☐☐☐

17.Do you have any further comments to make on the priorities within the strategy?