

CABINET – 7TH MARCH 2024

Report of the Scrutiny Commission

SHELTERED ACCOMMODATION STRATEGY FRAMEWORK

Purpose of Report

To consider the comments and recommendations of the Scrutiny Commission in relation to the Sheltered Accommodation Strategy Framework.

Recommendation of the Scrutiny Commission

That the Cabinet be informed that the Commission welcomes and supports the recommendations set out in the report of the Director of Housing and Wellbeing.

Reason

The Commission, having carefully considered and asked questions on the report felt the Cabinet should approve the recommendations set out.

Meeting Discussion

- i. Members welcomed the Sheltered Accommodation Strategy Framework and felt that a review of the sheltered accommodation was beneficial.
- ii. It was acknowledged that the budget provisions associated with Recommendation 3 of the report involved a lot of investment. £200k of the investment outlined was to gain specialist external support for due diligence and to ensure the Council chose the most appropriate options. The costs associated with decommission Block A of Fielding Court would depend on the option chosen, and may not meet the £200k allocated.
- iii. Riversdale Court in Birstall had been a popular sheltered accommodation unit. If there was further demand for this type of property then the Council would consider this when making recommendations on the types of property required in the future.
- iv. The Council would engage with current and potential tenants through focus groups and direct communication in order to consult on and inform about proposed changes to sheltered accommodation.

Policy Justification and Previous Decisions

Scrutiny Commission Procedure Rule 11.12 sets out the procedure by which a report of a Scrutiny Committee should be considered by Cabinet.

Implementation Timetable including Future Decisions and Scrutiny

The information on this in the Cabinet report is not affected by the recommendation of the Scrutiny Commission.

Report Implications

The following implications have been identified for this report.

Financial Implications

There are no further financial implications associated with the recommendation of the Scrutiny Commission.

Risk Management

There are no specific risks associated with the recommendations of the Scrutiny Commission.

Key Decision:	Yes
Background Paper:	Scrutiny Commission Minute 118 2023/24, 4th March 2024.
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