



Haverhill Area Working Party 11 March 2010

Consultation on Building a New Care Home to Replace Place Court

1. Summary and Reasons for Recommendation
1.1 The Working Party is asked to respond to a consultation on a new standard of care homes for older people in Haverhill.
2. Recommendation
2.1 It is RECOMMENDED that the Haverhill Area Working Party consider the proposals detailed in Section 13 of Report A556 and make their observations and comments known to Suffolk County Council by completing the questionnaire attached as Appendix A to Report A556 before 12 noon on Monday 26 April 2010.
3. Corporate Objectives
3.1 The recommendation meets the following, as contained within the Corporate Plan:- (a) Corporate Priority : <i>'to improve the safety and well-being of community';</i> and (b) Cabinet Commitments : <i>'future Development of Haverhill'.</i>

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4. Key Issues	4.1 This is a consultation document asking the Working Party for their observations on improving facilities and the care of older people in Haverhill.		
5. Other options considered	5.1 It is inappropriate to consider 'no action'.		
6. Community impact <i>(including Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and diversity issues)</i>	6.1 <u>General</u> 6.1.1 The design of the proposed Centre will be compliant with all design guidelines. 6.2 <u>Diversity and Equality Impact</u> <i>(including the findings of the Equality Impact Assessment)</i> 6.2.1 This will be considered as part of the capital development. The staffing of the Centre have complied with all necessary requirements under the Equal Opportunities legislation.		
7. Sustainability Impact <i>(including environmental or social impact on the local area or beyond the Borough)</i>	7.1 The Centre will be designed to the highest standards. Other issues will be considered as part of the planning provisions.		
8. Consultation	8.1 This is detailed in Sections 13 and 15 of the report.		
9. Resource implications <i>(including asset management implications)</i>	9.1 There are no resource implications for St Edmundsbury Borough Council.		
10. Risk Assessment <i>(potential hazards or opportunities affecting corporate, service or project objectives)</i>	10.1 N/A		
<p>[YOU SHOULD CROSS-REFER THE REPORT TO THE RELEVANT RISK REGISTER (CORPORATE, SERVICE AND/OR PROJECT) AND USE THE ASSESSMENTS IN THOSE. A FORMAT FOR SUMMARISING THE RISKS WOULD BE AS FOLLOWS.]</p>			
Risk area	Inherent level of Risk (before controls)	Controls	Residual Risk (after controls)
	High/Medium/Low		High/Medium/Low
This is purely a consultation exercise.			

<p>11. Legal or policy implications</p> <p>11.1 There are no legal or policy implications for the Borough Council.</p>
<p>12. Background</p> <p>12.1 Statistics in Suffolk show:-</p> <p>(a) there are 67,000 people aged 75 years and over in Suffolk. This will rise to 77,000 in 2015, an increase of 15% and 127,000 in 2030, a further 65% increase; and</p> <p>(b) there are 8,600 people aged 75 years and over with dementia in Suffolk. This will rise to 17,000 in 2030, almost a doubling.</p>
<p>13. The Proposal</p> <p>13.1 Suffolk County Council is committed to working with partners in health, housing, care and support so that services can be developed which meet older people's changing needs and expectations in Suffolk. Protecting vulnerable people and reducing inequalities is one of Suffolk County Council's priorities as a Council.</p> <p>13.2 As part of this commitment Suffolk County Council is proposing to build three brand new registered care homes in Haverhill, Lowestoft and Mildenhall to replace the existing homes in these areas. This would be done using a Private Finance Initiative (PFI) allocation from the Department of Health.</p> <p>13.3 For Haverhill it is proposed that the new care home would have 60 beds for the care and accommodation of older people with dementia and complex needs. This will include a dementia nursing service. The care home would also have the flexibility to offer intermediate and respite care services.</p> <p>13.4 Residents will each have their own room of about 20m² (220ft²) including en-suite facilities. The rooms will be arranged in clusters. Each cluster will have its own lounge, dining room and other facilities which will provide a homely environment.</p> <p>13.5 The new home will also be environmentally friendly, fully supporting the Council's aim to be the greenest county.</p> <p>13.6 All residents of the existing Place Court will be able to transfer to the new home. It is expected that the Place Court care team will transfer to the new home with the residents to provide continuity during the time of change.</p>
<p>14. Design</p> <p>14.1 The new homes will be designed using the latest thinking, helped by the views of the residents and staff, to provide accommodation and care primarily for people with dementia and complex care needs.</p> <p>14.2 Each of the new homes will also offer respite care and intermediate care for those who will be able to return to living in their own homes.</p> <p>14.3 Careful building design can help people with dementia and complex care needs by, for example:-</p> <p>(a) carefully considering where rooms are situated to help people find their way around;</p> <p>(b) using designs which allow as much natural light in as possible;</p> <p>(c) allowing space for people living in the homes and their carers to move around in</p>

- safety; and
 (d) creating homely living spaces and safe access to outside spaces.

14.4 The design of the new homes will strive to provide an exceptional environment to support the delivery of high quality dementia care.

Consultation

15.1 Public meetings will be held at each care home to discuss these proposals and to answer any questions. Details of these will be finalised in the near future. There will be further briefing sessions for members of staff at the care homes.

15.2 There is a questionnaire attached as Appendix A to this report. The Working Party is asked to take the opportunity to complete and return it by 12 noon, Monday 26 April 2010.

Wards affected	All Haverhill Wards	Portfolio Holder	Haverhill and Housing
Background Papers		Subject Area	Health Improvements

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CONSULTATION QUESTIONS
COMMENTS FROM THE HAVERHILL WORKING PARTY

1. Comments of the need for this provision.
2. Location of the proposed provision.
3. Design and environmental considerations
4. Concept of rooms being grouped into homely clusters, each with their own lounge, dining room and other facilities.
5. Other comments.