

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: **JOINT HOUSING & SOCIAL AND HEALTH CARE
OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

DATE: **THURSDAY 6 FEBRUARY, 2014**

REPORT BY: **DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES**

SUBJECT: **EXTRA CARE PROVISION IN FLINTSHIRE**

1.00 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.01 This report is designed to provide members with a brief update regarding:-

- Current Extra Care provision within Flintshire
- Detail regarding the most recent development in Mold at Llys Jasmine
- Potential future developments

2.00 BACKGROUND

2.01 Extra Care Housing was introduced in Flintshire to increase housing choice and support options for older people and is consistent with national drivers to improve housing availability for older people.

2.02 Since 2006 the Council has successfully taken forward two extra care developments with Llys Eleanor in Shotton opening in 2009, and more recently Llys Jasmine in Mold opening in October 2013.

3.00 CONSIDERATIONS

Current Extra Care Provision in Flintshire

3.01 Across two current developments Flintshire has 111 apartments of accommodation.

3.02 Llys Eleanor in Shotton has 50 apartments providing 25 one bedded and 25 two bedded apartments. Llys Eleanor was developed in partnership with Clwyd Alyn Housing Association.

3.03 Llys Jasmine in Mold has 61 apartments providing 33 one bedded and 28 two bedded apartments. Llys Jasmine was developed in partnership with Wales & West Housing Association.

Llys Jasmine

- 3.04 Llys Jasmine is the first extra care development in Wales to provide specific accommodation for individuals suffering from a Dementia, with 15 flats supporting individuals in their own tenancies.
- 3.05 Llys Eleanor tenants were involved in the recruitment process for staff in the development at Llys Jasmine. Candidates were observed for their interaction with the tenants, with observers considering their empathy, engagement and communication skills. We consider this to have supported the recruitment of an excellent staff team.
- 3.06 As of the 16 December, 2013 Llys Jasmine has been fully occupied. Of those who have tenancies within the unit, 20 are considered to have high needs, 16 have moderate needs and 38 have low needs. The definition of high, medium and low needs are shown in Appendix 1.
- 3.07 Since its opening date individuals and couples have moved in at a steady rate with apartments being occupied at a rate of approximately 5 to 6 per week.
- 3.08 Individuals with a dementia have had a longer 'lead in' time from their initial viewing of apartments. They have attended coffee mornings and lunches for up to four weeks prior to their move to assist with their orientation.
- 3.09 The average age of tenants within Llys Jasmine is 81.

Future Proposed Developments

- 3.10 Having developed provision in both North East and South Localities of Flintshire since 2009 it is proposed that future provision is developed in the North West of the county.
- 3.11 Specifically, it is proposed that developments are considered in both Flint & Holywell. It is proposed that future developments include apartments for younger adults with a physical and / or learning disability in addition to provision for Older People and Older People with a diagnosis of Dementia.
- 3.12 Funding for care in future provision will be met from reductions in residential care costs within current local authority provided or commissioned residential services. This will be in both older peoples residential accommodation and in supported living for individuals with a disability.
- 3.13 To date early discussion with Social Landlords have occurred.

4.00 RECOMMENDATIONS

4.01 Members are asked to note the contents of this report and progress made in developing further extra care provision in Flintshire.

5.00 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.01 In the absence of Social Housing Grant from the Welsh Assembly Government, future developments will need to be funded in full by our housing partner.

5.02 The care element of any future provision will need to be met by the County Council.

6.00 ANTI POVERTY IMPACT

6.01 Current extra care as a housing option is available to older people with qualifying levels of support needs.

6.02 Future developments will also include individuals with a disability with qualifying levels of support needs

7.00 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

7.01 Extra care housing brings additional resources to local areas enhancing facilities available for persons within that community.

8.00 EQUALITIES IMPACT

8.01 Future developments will be subject to an Equalities Impact Assessments.

9.00 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

9.01 None at this stage.

10.00 CONSULTATION REQUIRED

10.01 Further consultation on potential sites for future developments in Flint and Holywell will be undertaken with local council member, residents and key stakeholders as further progress is made.

11.00 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN

11.01 None at this stage.

12.00 APPENDICES

12.01 Appendix 1 – Guidance for Dependency Levels in Extra Care.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT) 1985
BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None

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