

Meeting	Decision Session - Executive Member for Health and Adult Social Care
Date	16 October 2019
Present	Councillor Runciman

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#### **14. Declarations of Interest**

The Executive Member confirmed that she had no personal interests not included on the Register of Interests, nor any prejudicial or discloseable pecuniary interests, to declare in the business on the agenda.

#### **15. Minutes**

Resolved: That the minutes of the Decision Session held on 14 February 2019 be approved and signed by the Executive Member as a correct record.

#### **16. Public Participation**

It was reported that there had been one registration to speak at the meeting under the Councils Public Participation Scheme.

Cllr Waller, Member for Westfield Ward, spoke on agenda item 4 (Older Persons Accommodation Engagement Results and Future Actions). He raised concerns regarding the delay to construct a care home on the old Lowfield School site. He confirmed that the school closed over 10 years ago and that residents still desired the development of a care village. He welcomed a public report to confirm that the development would commence soon.

#### **17. Older Persons Accommodation Engagement Results and Future Actions**

The Executive Member considered a report that presented the results of a survey undertaken to better understand the accommodation needs of the city's older residents and, outlined how this research could shape the future work of the Older

Person's Accommodation Programme and sought approval to implement the recommendations of the research.

The Head of the Older Person's Accommodation Programme was in attendance to give an update and she confirmed the current position in relation to older person's accommodation in the city.

The Executive Member noted that following a research and consultation programme, led by an intern from the University of York, engagement with residents, stakeholders, housing providers and developers had taken place. The research identified that residents would prefer to stay in their own homes and would consider assistive technology to support their independence. There was also a significant demand for age friendly homes, with respondents expressing a preference for some form of smaller, single level and accessible property.

Officers confirmed that the recommendations from the consultation would be shared widely with partners and stakeholders across the city. They would work together to address all of the points raised, to provide appropriate accommodation in suitable locations, designed specifically to meet the needs of older people and would encourage the use of assistive technology in new and existing properties.

The Executive Member expressed her thanks to the intern for producing an excellent analysis and she agreed that the use of assistive technology would support and enable independent living. She thanked the officer for her report and welcomed an update at a future Decision Session.

Resolved: That;

- i. The results of the older person's accommodation research be accepted and shared with partners and stakeholders across the city.
- ii. The implementation of the actions set in paragraph 18 of the report be approved.

Reason: To address all of the points raised in the results of the older person's accommodation research and implement actions arising from those results.

Cllr Runciman, Executive Member

[The meeting started at 12.00 pm and finished at 12.13 pm].