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Report of the Executive Director of Adult Social Care

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PROPOSED CLOSURE OF GREENWOOD HOUSE AND WELLAND HOUSE

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 In its meeting of 17 July, the Scrutiny Commission for Health Issues recommended that the Executive Director of Adult Social Care address all comments made by the Commission and members of the public and pay particular attention to nine key areas.
- 1.2 This report describes the process taken to explore comments made and issues raised and sets out the conclusions drawn following on from this process.
- 1.3 A public consultation on the proposed closure of Greenwood House and Welland House began on 17 July and ended on 15 October. The consultation report and appendices are attached to this report for review by the Commission prior to submission to the Council Cabinet on 5 November for decision.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Scrutiny Commission for Health Issues is asked to consider and comment on the contents of this report and its appendices and if appropriate make any recommendations.

3. LINKS TO THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY

- 3.1 The provision of adult social care support services supports the delivery of the key outcome *Creating opportunities – tackling inequalities*, specifically in supporting vulnerable adults and their carers.
- 3.2 Community social care also supports the key outcome *Create strong and supportive communities* in terms of empowering local communities and supporting people to care for people in the community.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 On 17 July the Scrutiny Commission for Health Issues was invited to consider, challenge and comment on the Cabinet report on the Older People's Accommodation Strategy. The report was presented to the Commission by the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and the commission received verbal statements from a member of staff from one of the homes, a manager from one of the homes, Peterborough LINK, the relative of a day care user, the relative of a resident, a day care staff member, a staff member who was also a UNITE union representative and the Peterborough Pensioners Association.
- 4.2 The issues raised at the Commission meeting and conclusions drawn following exploration are listed in section 5 below.

5. KEY ISSUES

- 5.1 Further to the Scrutiny Commission for Health's recommendation on 17 July 2012 that the Executive Director for Adult Social Care address all comments and issues raised, this section lists the issues raised (paragraphs 5.2 to 5.9). For responses to the issues please see the Cabinet Report document, section 7 and relevant appendices, attached as Annex 1 to this report.
- 5.2 Further consideration to be given to the alternative option of demolishing the existing homes and rebuilding a new one to replace them.
- 5.3 That the strategy be remodelled to take into account the recently published 2011 Census figures. Particular reference should be made to statistics for the number of people with dementia and how much this had increased in the last 15 to 18 months.
- 5.4 Further data to be expanded on within the strategy to show the benefits of a 'block move' of residents if this was to be the way forward.
- 5.5 Consideration to be given to the importance of keeping the current staff on to help with the transition of residents to new homes to ease their transition and consider:
- how long the current staff could be retained to provide care and support for the residents when they move, and
 - how many staff would be required if one or both homes were closed and how long the staff would be retained through the move and after the move.
- 5.6 To ensure that the expertise of the dementia champions within the two care homes is used regardless of the option chosen.
- 5.7 The strategy to take into consideration the possibility of an increase in death rate through moving the residents and show how this risk could be reduced.
- 5.8 Officers to work with staff at both homes as a group to look at the proposed strategy positively and to look at a way forward to get the best possible solution.
- 5.9 To provide costs for the option of refurbishing both of the homes.

6. IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Please see section 11 of Appendix 1 to this report.

7. CONSULTATION

- 7.1 As noted elsewhere in this report, a full public consultation has been undertaken and responses received from a wide range of people and organisations.

8. NEXT STEPS

- 8.1 The proposal will be presented to the Cabinet for decision on 5 November 2012.

9. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

- 9.1
- The consultation report on the proposal to close Greenwood House and Welland House, attached as Annex 1 to this report.

10. APPENDICES

- 10.1 Appendix 1: the consultation report on the proposal to close Greenwood House and Welland House