

ITEM 9(b) – FOR INFORMATION

CABINET	AGENDA ITEM No. 8
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THE DRAFT PETERBOROUGH HOUSING STRATEGY 2016 TO 2021 – FURTHER AMENDMENTS TO ADD TO THE HOUSING STRATEGY FOR ENDORSEMENT

1. Adding some text to priority 4 on page 16 of the housing strategy on the housing needs of people who are offenders or misuse drugs and alcohol. Suggested text below:

“Adults with chaotic lifestyles due to offending and drug and alcohol misuse

Peterborough’s residents like all cities, include people that experience a combination of problems such as drug and alcohol misuse, mental health problems and offending. These issues can lead to difficulty in maintaining accommodation and significantly increases the risk of becoming homeless.

The Council provides funding to Peterborough NACRO (National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders) to provide housing related support to prolific and persistent offenders and those at risk of becoming persistent offenders due to drink, drug or substance misuse. They support individuals in maintaining their tenancy as well as re-engaging in education, training and employment. As part of this role, NACRO has established a successful working partnership with local registered providers that enables them to work with their tenants who have been given a short custodial sentence, to maintain their tenancies to return to after completing their sentence. NACRO has also formed links with a bank of private landlords operating in the City and work closely with them to address the issue of finding and maintaining accommodation.

NACRO recognises the importance of a flexible approach to providing their services. They provide outreach service at Peterborough Aspire Drug Treatment Service, Council offices, the library and local coffee shops in an effort to engage with an often hard to reach client group.”

2. Updating the strategies and policies listed in the diagram under the heading Local Context on page 7 of the housing strategy to reflect very recently adopted documents. This will involve removing The Aids and Adaptations Policy and Repairs Assistance Policy and replacing them with the Housing Renewals Policy 2017-19 and updating the Empty Homes Strategy 2012-15 with the dates of the newly adopted strategy which spans 2017-19
3. Removing bullet point 6 under the actions for priority 4 on page 18 to reflect the decision that this initiative relating to expansion of the Shared Lives Scheme will no longer be pursued.

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