

Agenda item:

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Cabinet

On 19th July 2011

Report Title: **Closure of Residential and Respite Care Homes (Supplementary)**

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Wards(s) affected: **All**

Report for: **Key**

1. Purpose of the report (That is, the decision required)

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Cabinet of the outcome of consultation with residents of Cranwood, Broadwater Lodge and the Red House who had no relatives or friends to support them in actively participating in the consultation about the future of adult services. Advocates were in attendance at the meetings held with users, relatives and carers at Whitehall Street but for a number of reasons facilitated meetings could not be arranged with residents in the other homes until now.
- 1.2 The report is an addendum to the main Cabinet report and consultation findings.

2. Introduction by Cabinet Member

- 2.1 See main report.

3. State link(s) with Council Plan Priorities and actions and /or other Strategies:

- 3.1 See main report.

4. Recommendations

4.1 See main report.

4.2 Cabinet is invited to take account of the results of these facilitated consultations with residents in reaching its decision on the proposal to close Cranwood, Broadwater, the Red House and Whitehall Street residential care homes.

5. Reason for recommendation(s)

5.1 See main report.

5.2 Cabinet should have this additional information in front of them along with the other consultation findings when they make their decision on 19th July.

6. Other options considered

6.1. See main report

7. Summary

7.1. See main report

8. Chief Financial Officer Comments

8.1. See main report

9. Head of Legal Services Comments

9.1. See main report

10. Head of Procurement Comments

10.1. N/A

11. Equalities & Community Cohesion Comments

11.1 See main report

12. Consultation

12.1 This addendum represents the results of sessions facilitated by Mencap in 3 homes with residents who did not have a family member or friend able to support them and who needed support in having their say about the proposed closure of the residential care homes in which they live.

12.2 Analysis of the results:

Q1 - slightly stronger support for the proposal than among other residents, carers and relatives of the homes who participated in the consultation.

Q2 - A reasonable number of residents who participated would appear to have understood the reason for the proposals though as many did not or were unsure. The proportion who understood was some 80% among the other groups of residents who responded and whose views are reflected in the main report of findings.

Q9 - Most important to this group of residents were things like room size and friendly, well-trained staff. The latter being the most important thing for the other residents who took part in the consultation.

General comments - a couple of residents have given financial and other reasons for why the homes should close whereas others seem to be saying what other respondents to the consultation have said, that they are used to the stability and familiarity of the place or are sceptical about the consultation itself.

A key point to note is that the advocates are saying that a number of those who participated were unable to answer or did not answer the questions or had no understanding.

13. Service Financial Comments

See main report

14. Use of appendices /Tables and photographs

14.1. Appendix 1 – Report by Mencap (July 2011) – facilitated consultation with residents of Broadwater Lodge, Cranwood and the Red House who had no relatives or friends to support them in actively participating in the consultation about the future of the homes in which they lived.

15. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

15.1. See main report