

Meeting: Integrated Housing Board

Date: 11 October 2010

Report Title: Draft Older People's Housing Strategy 2010-2015

Report of: Strategic and Community Housing Services

1.Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is for the IHB to note the progress of the Older People's Housing Strategy 2010-2020. (At the time of writing this report the draft strategy was not completed but will be emailed before the 11th October and also hard copies will be brought to the meeting)

2.Summary

2.1 The Older People's Housing Strategy is a sub-strategy of Haringey's overarching Housing Strategy 2009-2019.

2.2 This strategy has been developed through a multi-partnership approach involving statutory and third sector organisations as well as older people through the Forum for Older People.

2.3 Through the priorities identified, this strategy will deliver Haringey's vision for housing for older people.

3.Legal/Financial Implications

3.1 None identified at this stage

4.Recommendations

4.2 That the Older People's Housing Strategy is noted and IHB participate in the consultation of the document.

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5. Background

- 5.1 Haringey's Housing Strategy is an overarching document that sets the vision and direction for housing in the borough for the next ten years. It is supported by a suite of specific strategies that address particular areas such as Affordable Warmth, Rough Sleepers. All of these strategies have been developed using a multi-partnership approach which has been proven to 'buy in' partners to delivering the action plan.
- 5.2 The Older People's Housing Strategy aims to address the needs of current older people and the next generation.
- 5.3 Older people's housing is changing and the traditional models of sheltered accommodation and then moving into residential or nursing care is now being superseded by other types of housing with support and care. Whilst the traditional model still has a role the expectations and aspirations of older people is changing.
- 5.4 The Government's agenda of choice and personalisation is also influencing the support and care people choose to purchase.
- 5.5 The increase in home ownership is a factor in the choices people make. Many do not want to sell and move into traditional rented sheltered schemes and residential care but want to remain in their own homes.
- 5.6 There are also an increasing number of older people who are living much longer and in particular the number of people aged 85+ is rising and this group are likely to require support and care as they become frailer.
- 5.7 The challenge for Haringey is to meet this challenge and develop housing options such as extra care housing that fulfil these requirements as well fitting with the health and social care agenda and the Supporting People programme.

6. Older People's Housing Strategy

- 6.1 The draft strategy has identified 3 outcomes:
1. to enable Haringey's older people to live independently for as long as possible
 2. to improve the quality of older people's housing
 3. to offer real housing choices to meet the needs of today's and tomorrow's older people
- 6.2 The key actions to deliver these will form the delivery plan.

7. Consultation

- 7.1 The strategy is now out for consultation for 3 months and will follow the Council's consultation framework as well fulfilling the Compact requirements.
- 7.2 A specific multi-partnership consultation group has been established that has developed the consultation plan and will assist in delivering this. We intend to consult through a variety of methods such as newsletters, web, focus groups, meetings and forums. We will ensure that the right method is

used as we already know that many older people are unfamiliar with IT and prefer a more face to face approach.

7.3 One Housing Group is working with us to undertake research on older people's expectations and aspirations for housing, care and support in older age. Following on from their Housing Corporation and Department of Health grant funded Aspiration Age project, this research will focus on five group of older people:

1. Homeowners
2. Social Housing tenants in general needs housing
3. Sheltered housing tenants
4. BME Elders
5. Working people aged 55+

The results of this research will inform the final strategy.

7.4 Once the consultation is completed (end December 2010) the strategy will be amended using the feedback received and then go through the political process for agreement.

8. **Conclusion**

8.1 This strategy aims to change the current provision of housing for older people to offer more choice and move away from just having the traditional type of housing.

8.2 It has been developed in conjunction with Social Care and Supporting People to ensure a 'whole system' approach that fulfils the requirements of personalisation, changing models of housing (such as extra care) and offers value for money for commissioners for current older people and the next generation.

8.3 The strategy recognises the value that partner agencies play in developing it and its delivery.