

Agenda item 6

Sefton Public Engagement and Consultation Panel

Date: 11th November 2022

Title: Proposal to undertake Public Engagement and Consultation Activity
– Extra Care Allocations Policy for Sefton.

Report of: Steven Metcalf Strategic Manager Extra Care Housing

1. **Purpose of the Report**

1.1 To advise and receive feedback on the proposed consultation plan being developed to support an Extra Care Allocations Policy for Sefton

2. **Background**

2.1 The main purpose of the Public Engagement and Consultation Panel is to coordinate and ensure the quality of public engagement and consultation, in accordance with the standards for engagement and consultation.

3. **Name of Issue you are Consulting On**

3.1 A pledge from the Sefton 2030 vision was to work together to ensure Sefton people have housing choice across all types and tenures across the Borough. One housing option that will support this is Extra Care Housing.

3.2 Sefton has a population that is living longer, and people tell us that a preference is to be able to remain in their own home, with the ability to access care and support if needed at some stage. For those who already have support needs, or whose health is declining and indicates that they may need more help in the coming years, extra care housing offers the option to meet these needs.

3.3 Extra care housing is a specialist housing provision that combines accommodation with care and support services designed to offer safe, private, and secure accommodation.

3.4 The aim of the policy is to promote independence and well-being; facilitate a balanced, vibrant, and sustainable community for residents with care and support needs within the setting of extra care housing which will play a key role in preventing and avoiding admissions to residential care and hospitals and contribute to our preventative agenda.

3.5 This policy will cover all Extra Care Housing within Sefton. Additional

Extra Care allocation guidelines for specific and individual Extra Care schemes may also be introduced, to ensure that the housing needs of people are most appropriately met under this policy.

- 3.6 The draft Extra Care Allocations Policy details the eligibility, process, and system for applying for Extra Care Housing in Sefton and can be found as per appendix (1).
- 3.7 To Enable Extra Care Housing to fulfil and meet our needs a robust policy must be approved that ensures residents of Sefton are prioritised and have a clear and open process for applying.
- 3.8 The policy will also help to provide assurances to the Housing Providers of Extra Care accommodation and encourage future developments to further meet our needs.
- 3.9 A draft equality Impact Assessment has also been completed and can be found as appendix (2). This will be updated throughout the consultation period as necessary.

4. The Consultation

- 4.1 The aim of this consultation is to involve as many internal and external stakeholders across Sefton as possible to engage a wide a range of people and provider views, using a variety of approaches, communication, and consultation techniques.
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These will include

- PowerPoint Presentation
- Electronic and paper version of the policy
- Face to face or virtual sessions with key stakeholders

Feedback can be given

- Electronically on Your Sefton Your Say
- Through Email
- Telephone feedback
- Minutes of meetings

Stake holders have been identified as the following,

- Elected Members
- Sefton Partnership for Older Citizens#
- Health Watch
- Adult Social Care

- Strategic Housing Partners
- Current extra care Housing partners (Housing 21, Riverside and Torus)
- Current Residents of Extra Care Housing
- Care and Support providers of Extra Care Housing
- Carers Centre
- Health and Social Care Forum

4.3 The overall process of Consultation with stakeholders will from January 2023 to March 2023.

The focus of the consultation and engagement will be on: -

- 1) Extra Care Eligibility
 - a. Local Connection
 - b. Age Threshold
 - c. Support needs
 - d. Homeownership
- 2) Allocations Process
- 3) Nominations Process

4.4 A programme plan for engagement is set out in Appendix (3).

5. Reporting and Publishing the Findings

5.1 The findings from the consultations will be collated into a themed report and used where appropriate to inform the service specification

6. Legal Department Comments

6.1 Sefton's Legal Department has considered the consultation plans contained in this report and has no comments to make.

7. Recommendations

7.1 The Public Engagement and Consultation Panel is recommended to:

- a) Appraise the public engagement and consultation plan for the Extra Care Allocations Policy for Sefton.
- b) Request that the officers return to the Panel to provide details of their consultation results, including an analysis of the equality monitoring data and the feedback and evaluation resulting from the above consultation.

APPENDICES:

Appendix 1 – Draft Extra Care Allocations Policy

Appendix 2 – Equality Impact Assessment

Appendix 3 – Program Plan of Engagement