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To: Supporting People Commissioning Body 17 April 2012

Subject: Extra Care Sheltered Accommodation

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary

The Commissioning Body received a report on extra care sheltered housing in January 2012. The decision was deferred to this meeting. The Core Strategy Group discussed extra care sheltered housing weekly rates at its meeting in March. The Core Strategy Group concluded that two options should be presented for consideration by the Commissioning Body. The options are to pay the same weekly rates in extra care sheltered housing as in sheltered housing with immediate effect **or** to pay double the weekly rate that it currently pays in sheltered housing for the first six months of 2012/13 allowing time for providers to make provision for any adjustment to services. This will result in payments to extra care sheltered housing providers at the same weekly rate as sheltered providers from the 1st October 2012.

1. Introduction

1(1) The Commissioning Body asked for a decision to be deferred on the weekly rates to be applied to Extra Care Sheltered Housing at its last meeting and for further discussion to take place with the housing providers. The weekly rates within extra care sheltered housing have been subject to review by the Commissioning Body since January 2011. Extra Care Sheltered Housing weekly rates were discussed at the Core Strategy Group in March 2012.

2. The Core Strategy Group Meeting

2(1) The Core Strategy Group discussed two options. One is to pay the same weekly rates as sheltered housing and the other is to pay twice the weekly rates as are currently paid within sheltered housing for a further period of six months to allow for transition arrangements to be implemented. The key elements of the discussion were:

- a. Concern that this matter has been discussed at length and that a previous decision made by the Commissioning Body will be subject to further delay

- b. Budgetary pressures to the Programme if the previous decision is deferred
- c. Budgetary pressures that will be borne by the providers
- d. The implication of a decision made by the Commissioning Body ahead of the conclusion of the review of Enhanced Care being conducted within Families and Social Care
- e. The requirement for providers to become registered care providers and to tender for any opportunities that might arise to provide social care services

3. Consultation and Communication

3(1) Canterbury City Council has consulted with their residents and the outcome of the Supporting People funding decision will be to fund any differential in funding from their Housing Revenue Account. Moat Housing Society is intending to consult with their residents once the novation of their contracts has been agreed. West Kent Housing Association has not consulted with their residents. They are intending to fund services themselves. Orbit Housing has not consulted with their residents.

4. Risk and Business Continuity Management

4(1) The Kent Supporting People Programme and Kent County Council's Families and Social Care Directorate have been working with extra care sheltered housing providers to identify any areas of service delivery that cannot be met by housing related support, health, housing management and social care.

4(2) Canterbury City Council has advised that if they do not receive the current £36 per service user per week they will need to recoup the funding from their Housing Revenue Account.

5. Financial Implications

5(1) The Commissioning Body agreed that Extra Care Sheltered would be paid at a weekly rate of between £8.24 and £10.24 per service user per week. The budget build for 2012/13 has made provision for these weekly rates to be reflected within the contract values for Canterbury City Council, Moat Housing Society, Orbit South Housing Association, and West Kent Housing Association.

5(2) The Supporting People Programme is currently spending £470,531 on extra care sheltered housing. The change to the funding rates would reduce this spend to £128,940. If the Commissioning Body agrees to option one there would be no budgetary pressure. If the Commissioning Body agrees to option two there would be a budgetary pressure of £64,469 to allow for the transition to the new rate. This would require agreement on a one off non-recurring contribution from the reserves.

6. Legal implications

6(1) There are no legal implications at this time.

7. Sustainability Implications

7(1) The Supporting People Programme will work with the Families and Social Care Directorate and providers to ensure that services are sustainable and that the Programme continues to support the most vulnerable. Families and Social Care are looking at how they provide out of hours social care, and will be looking at introducing new models of service delivery. Supporting People, FSC, and extra care sheltered housing providers will need to work with each other to continue to evaluate the model of provision going forward.

8. Conclusion

8(1) The Commissioning Body is asked to consider two options with different financial consequences. One is cost neutral, the other would incur a cost of £64,469. This would require agreement on a one off non-recurring contribution from the reserves.

Option One – That a weekly rate of either £8.24, or £9.24, or £10.24 is paid. This would be dependant on the Quality Assessment Grading of the service. The following rates would apply per service user per week:

- Canterbury City Council £9.24
- Moat Housing Society £10.24
- Orbit South Housing Association £9.24
- West Kent Housing Association £10.24

Option Two – That a weekly rate of either £16.48, or £18.48, or £20.48 is paid for the first six months of 2012/13. This would be dependant on the Quality Assessment Grading of the service.

- Canterbury City Council £18.48
- Moat Housing Society £20.48
- Orbit South Housing Association £18.48
- West Kent Housing Association £20.48

9. Recommendations

9(1) The Commissioning Body is asked to agree either option one or two as outlined above.

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Background

- 1. Commissioning Body Delivering the Savings Proposal Report January 2011**
- 2. Commissioning Body Delivering the Savings Impact Assessment Report March 2011**
- 3. Commissioning Body Minutes October 2011**
- 4. Commissioning Body Report Extra Care Sheltered Accommodation January 2012**