

Report of: Housing Services Business Manager

To: Executive Board

Date: 19th June 2006

Item No:

Title of Report : Older People's Housing Strategy



Summary and Recommendations



Purpose of report: To present a new Older People's Housing Strategy



Key decision: Yes

Portfolio Holder: Patrick Murray

Scrutiny Responsibility: Housing

Ward(s) affected: All



Report Approved by: Patrick Murray, (Portfolio Holder) Michael Lawrence (Strategic Director), Graham Stratford, (Business Unit Manager) Lindsay Cane (Legal) Penny Gardner (Finance)



Policy Framework:



Recommendation(s):

Endorse the Older Peoples Housing Strategy to go out for consultation as specified.



This strategy follows on from the City Council review of Older Peoples Services, which was endorsed by Executive Board at the beginning of 2006. This review primarily considered accommodation and services managed by the City Council and some of the recommendations from that review have been incorporated into this Strategy. However the strategy recommends improvements to services for all older people in Oxford

regardless of tenure. The strategy refers closely to the new Private Sector strategy, which seeks to improve the condition of housing in the private sector, and targets housing occupied by older people as a priority group.

2. Consultation so far on the strategy and review has been through the following groups
 - A steering group comprising of older residents from all housing sectors, social services, the PCT, staff from Housing Associations, Age Concern and the City Council
 - The Oxford Tenants Panel
 - Age Concern Older Peoples Forum
 - SHOP

3. Further consultation will be carried out with the following groups once Executive Board has approved the report :
 - All RSLs with older peoples housing
 - Older Peoples Panels
 - Pensioners Forum
 - General consultation via the Web site

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Background papers: None

