

HIGH PEAK BOROUGH COUNCIL

Community Select Committee

26 January 2022

TITLE:	DCC Consultation - The Future of Direct Care Homes for Older People
EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR:	Councillor A McKeown - Council Leader HPBC
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WARDS INVOLVED:	New Mills East

Appendices Attached –

Appendix A – The Future of Direct Care Homes for Older People – DCC Cabinet report dated 8 November 2021

Appendix B – IED Decision Notice 20/23 dated 20 April 2020

1. Reason for the Report

- 1.1 To enable members to consider a consultation by Derbyshire County Council around the future of direct care homes for older people, which specifically impacts Goyt Valley House, New Mills.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That members consider and formulate a response to the consultation within the designated timescale.

3. Executive Summary

- 3.1 Derbyshire County Council, at a meeting of its Cabinet on 18 November 2021, resolved to approve the undertaking of a public consultation, including consultation with the current residents and their families on the future provision of accommodation for older people in a number of the Council's residential care homes, including Goyt Valley House, New Mills. A copy of the report considered at that meeting is attached at Appendix A.
- 3.2 This consultation includes the possible closure of the seven homes set out within the report, subject to securing reasonable and suitable alternative provision for the current residents, as DCC considers this to be the likely most

viable option at this stage. A further report will be submitted to Cabinet following the conclusion of the consultation and market engagement processes, including a full Equality Impact Assessment.

3.3 Members may recall that very similar proposals were considered and consulted on by the County Council during 2020.

3.4 The consultation runs from 6 December 2021 until 4 March 2022.

4. **How this report links to Corporate Priorities**

4.1 Aim 1: Supporting our communities to create a healthier, safer, cleaner High Peak.

5. **Alternative Options**

5.1 Not to respond to the consultation.

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Web Links and Background Papers

<https://democracy.derbyshire.gov.uk/documents/s11072/HOPS.pdf>

Report to DCC Cabinet 18.11.21

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6. **Detail**

6.1 Derbyshire County Council Cabinet, at a meeting on 18 November, resolved to approve the undertaking of a public consultation, including consultation with the current residents and their families, on the future provision of accommodation for older people in a number of the Council's residential care homes. The reasons for this decision are set out in the report to Cabinet which is attached at Appendix A, and include significant maintenance, renovation and refurbishment works identified, including the requirement for the homes to be rewired by September 2022.

6.2 For information, this decision was called in and in accordance with DCC procedures considered by the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee – People on 6 December, where it was resolved not to refer the decision back to Cabinet for further consideration. The consultation then commenced with effect from 8 December 2021 to 4 March 2022.

6.2 Members will recall the previous consultation undertaken by DCC in early 2020, regarding the refurbishment of 3 homes and possible closure of 7 homes, including Goyt Valley House, following advice from the Council's Corporate Property Department that the 7 homes considered for closure

required a fully electrical rewire by September 2022. High Peak Borough Council's response to that consultation is attached at Appendix B.

- 6.3 The outcome of the consultation in 2020 was that the 3 homes proposed for refurbishment would continue to be refurbished and the other 7 homes would not close until such time as a local care home or alternative provision was available to replace them, and further consultation had been undertaken.
- 6.4 Cabinet received an update in December 2020, and a revised timeline was agreed. Budget estimates for the work required to the seven homes were produced, together with an assessment of the need for the current residents to move to alternative accommodation for a period of up to 40 weeks while the work is undertaken.
- 6.5 The results of an Interim Market Position Statement are set out in paragraph 4.9 of the report at Appendix A, which *"highlights that people are continuing to choose to live at home for longer and that people are entering into care homes later in life and with more acute needs which has resulted in a reduction in the demand for long term residential care and an increased demand for nursing care and homecare."*
- 6.6 Derbyshire County Council has therefore reviewed the options in light of the information from the Corporate Property Department and the information as set out in paragraphs 4.9 to 4.14 of the report attached at Appendix A, and are now consulting around the following options:
- rewire and carry out major works to refurbish the homes including
 - installing boiler and heating systems
 - replacing bathrooms and kitchens
 - removal of any asbestos
 - the fitting of sprinklers and redecoration - this option would require residents to move out for a period of up to 40 weeks
 - close the homes and support residents to move to other local, suitable alternative provision – alternative provision being suitable (in terms of quality/rating) and local (within 10 miles) as defined during the previous consultation and Scrutiny Committee
 - close the homes and support residents to move to any suitable available alternative provision - residents would be supported to move to available alternative provision which may not be local (as defined during the previous consultation)

A link to the consultation response form is detailed below:

<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/council/have-your-say/consultation-search/consultation-details/options-for-the-future-of-direct-care-homes-for-older-people.aspx>

- 6.7 The County Council is holding a series of 'virtual' public meetings via Microsoft Teams to consider the future of accommodations for older people. The meeting which will consider Goyt Valley House will take place on Tuesday 25th January

at 6.30pm. To take part you must book a slot which can be done by emailing telladultcare@derbyshire.gov.uk.

- 6.8 New Mills Town Council has contacted the Council to advise, that as per the previous consultation, that they still strongly object to the proposed closure. Additionally for information, there is also a petition against the proposals on the County Council's website.