

**TITLE OF REPORT: Extra Care Housing for Older People****REPORT OF: Caroline O'Neill – Strategic Director for Care, Wellbeing & Learning**

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**1. Summary**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise OSC of the current Extra Care provision in Gateshead and the planned expansion to meet the future needs.
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**2. Background**

- 2.1 Extra Care Housing is also known as very sheltered housing, assisted living or simply housing with care. Extra Care services were first developed nearly 30 years ago with Gateshead first being built over 20 years ago. It is a popular choice amongst older people as it can provide an alternative to a residential care home.
- 2.2 In Gateshead we have 240 tenancies across six Extra Care Schemes:
- Angel Court, Waverley Road, NE9 7TG
  - Callendar Court, Beacon Lough East, NE9 6RR
  - Fountain Court, Bensham, NE8 4XD
  - Marigold Court, Old Ford, NE10 0DZ
  - Priory Court, Wardley NE10 8WL
  - Winton Court, Winlaton, NE21 6AT

**3. Demand**

- 3.1 The demand for Extra Care Services both in Gateshead and nationally is growing rapidly due to a number of reasons including:
- People are living longer
  - People being diagnosed with dementia at an early stage
  - Cuts to Local Authority funding
  - Reductions in Residential Care placements

- 3.2 There is currently a waiting list for people wanting to move into Extra Care schemes in Gateshead and demand is greater than what we have available. Unfortunately there are occasions where there is no choice for someone to move into Residential Care as there are no vacancies within any of the six schemes.

#### **4. Technology**

- 4.1 Advances in technology are providing an alternative and often cheaper way to meet people's needs within the community. By balancing technology along with people providing care we are able to prevent unnecessary admissions into long term care homes and keep people living in their own homes longer.
- 4.2 Technology is going to play a larger role in the future in particular to meet the challenges of the increasing number of people living with dementia.

#### **5. In-House Services**

- 5.1 The Council is the current provider to deliver the Care and Support at both Angel and Callendar Court. A decision was made in 2016 for the Council to no longer deliver these services in the future and for this to be contracted to the independent sector.
- 5.2 A procurement exercise is underway for a provider to be appointed to deliver both services under one contract. It is expected that these responsibility for these services will transfer in July 2018 with around 8 workers involved in transferring under TUPE regulations. All other workers have taken up offers of other employment within the Council's other provision.
- 5.3 A further procurement process will take place in 2018/19 to look at a framework approach for both the remaining four schemes and future developments.

#### **6. Future Developments**

- 6.1 In order to meet the demands now and in the future, a range of new Extra Care Schemes will need to be developed across the borough. The Commissioning Team will be developing an Extra Care Strategy in 2018/19 that will sit alongside our Market Position Statement. The strategy will include projections for future demand and potential locations in Gateshead where we would be keen for future developments to take place.
- 6.2 The Commissioning Team are already working with 'Spatial, Planning and Environment' colleagues for a new site to be developed in late 2019/20 and have had a number of developers in for discussions.

## **7. Recommendations**

7.1 That OSC note this update and comment as appropriate

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