

Subject:
Rossendale Supported Housing
Strategy

Status: For Publication

Report to: Cabinet

Date: 19th March 2008

Report of:
Head of Regeneration

Portfolio Holder: Cabinet Member for Regeneration

Key Decision: Yes / No

Forward Plan General Exception Special Urgency

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide information on the Rossendale Supported Housing Strategy and to request that Cabinet approves the final document.

2. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- 2.1 The matters discussed in this report impact directly on the following corporate priorities and associated corporate objective.
- Delivering Quality Services to Customers (Customers, Improvement)
 - Delivering Regeneration across the Borough (Economy, Housing)
 - Improving health and well being across the Borough (Health, Housing)

3. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no specific risk issues for members to consider arising from this report.

4. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS

- 4.1 Rossendale needs to ensure that vulnerable people (such as elderly people, people who have been made homeless and domestic violence victims) receive the support they need to live independently or in supported accommodation (such as extra care housing schemes).
- 4.2 To ensure that the Council is properly able to provide a response to these needs, a Supported Housing Strategy has been developed to guide a multi agency approach to providing these services.
- 4.3 This strategy supports Rossendale's Housing Strategy and its subsidiaries:
- The Affordable Housing Strategy
 - The Private Sector Housing Renewal Strategy
 - The Homelessness Strategy
- 4.4 The Supported Housing Strategy is also linked to relevant local, regional and national strategies, for example Lancashire County Council's Supporting People Strategy.
- 4.5 The strategy identifies the needs for each vulnerable group and maps existing supply of services. The needs analysis and service mapping has used existing literature, interviews with agencies and (where possible) service user consultation
- 4.6 The strategy will also help to inform future bids for funding as opportunities present themselves.

5. SECTION 151 OFFICER

- 5.1 It is assumed that the recommendations arising from the strategy can be funded from existing budget resources.

6. MONITORING OFFICER

- 6.1 This is an important report in the context of delivering quality services to customers.

7. HEAD OF PEOPLE AND ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (ON BEHALF OF THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE)

- 7.1 There are no HR implications.

8. CONCLUSION

- 8.1 The development of a robust strategy is essential if the Council is to ensure that the needs of the most vulnerable groups are to be met.

8.2 The Supported Housing Strategy will help to ensure that the Council is able to influence and enable a co-ordinated multi-agency response to meet the needs of Rossendale's most needy citizens. It also improves our opportunity to access funding as it becomes available through the County Council's Supporting People Programme

9. RECOMMENDATION(S)

9.1 That the Supported Housing Strategy be approved and adopted.

10. CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

10.1 A presentation on the development of the strategy was given to members of the Policy Scrutiny Committee on 1st October 2007.

11. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Is an Equality Impact Assessment required Yes

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12. BIODIVERSITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Is a Biodiversity Impact Assessment required Yes

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Background Papers	
Document	Place of Inspection
Rossendale Supported Housing Strategy	Attached