

# Equality Impact Assessment



## Name of project/proposal

T17 Older People's Extra Care (A10)

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## Purpose for project/proposal

This proposal involves developing Extra-Care Housing for older people as an alternative to more traditional and institutional forms of care such as residential care. It is designed to achieve targeted savings of £1.3m after 2017 by placing people in Extra-Care Housing rather than residential care. This proposal does not envisage the closure of any of the County Council's residential care homes.

## Consultation

Has a consultation been carried out?

No

However the County Council carried out a major consultation, between 26 May and 6 July, on a range of options for finding further budget savings, including setting Council Tax, using reserves and making changes to the way in which services are delivered.

The feedback from this consultation has been taken into account in developing the final options and proposals for decision by Executive Members, Cabinet and County Council in autumn this year.

When decisions are made to pursue the options, further, specific consultation will be carried out on the detailed options where required.

## Statutory considerations

### Impact

Age	High
Disability	Medium
Sexual orientation	Low
Race	Low
Religion and belief	Low
Gender reassignment	Low
Sex	Low
Marriage and civil partnership	Medium
Pregnancy and maternity	Low

### Other policy considerations

Poverty	Medium
Rurality	Low
Other factors	None
If other please describe	

Geographical impact

All Hampshire

Have you identified any medium or high impact?\*

Yes

No

## Equality statement

The key group of people who would benefit from a significant further development of Extra Care housing, would be older people. Extra-Care assisted living helps vulnerable people by bringing together housing, care and support in a home of their own, enabling people to remain independent for as long as possible. The impacts of these proposals are on the whole positive.

Many older people have physical impairments which may increase as they age. This means that their home environment can hamper their lifestyle (eg uneven floors, steps, insufficient space etc). All new Extra Care housing schemes would be both accessible and well designed for easy access throughout the building.

One of the key benefits of alternatives to residential care, such as Extra Care is that couples, particularly older couples are able to remain living together for longer. Traditionally, where one of the couple has a greater level of need than the other they become separated because one of them has to move into a residential care or nursing

home.

Typically, Registered Providers offer rented housing to people who are less well off and cannot afford private purchased options such as the more costly purely private developments which are open to those with greater financial resources. Any proposed Extra Care schemes aimed at either older people would be developed in conjunction with Registered Providers.

For older people these proposals would potentially allow them to have access to a wider range of services that would enable them to continue living independently for longer.

Date to review actions

11 Mar 2016

## **Final decision date**

Final decision date due  
Decision to be made by

17 Sep 2015  
Executive Member