

Agenda Item: 7

# Closure of John Darling Mall Progress Update

20 July 2016

## John Darling Mall – Overview (Recap)

- Respite facility for adults with disabilities, primarily physical disabilities but also learning disabilities
- Located in Boyatt Wood, Eastleigh
- 18 accommodation units plus 6 independent living flats
- Built in 1985 with unique design
- Current layout of the building makes it difficult to offer a service for people with profound and multiple disabilities
- Usage had been in decline to the point average occupancy 5-7 people
- Decision to close – November 2015
- Alternative provision for respite users – mixed menu

## Stonewater Tenants (1/2)

- Originally 6 people in 5 flats (5 tenancies)
- Flats leased to Stonewater Housing Association
- Right to return to new development on current JDM site
- To date 5 out of 6 people have either moved or have found alternative housing
- Remaining 1 person has chosen to remain in JDM, with appropriate security, until new purpose-built flat is ready (Aug / Sept)

## Stonewater Tenants (2/2)

- All expressed desire to remain in Eastleigh
- Stonewater have limited housing stock in area
- Partnership working with Eastleigh Borough Council and Stonewater supported by dedicated social worker
- Focus on maintaining links with support networks and wider community
- 3 tenants (4 people) have moved to Surrey Court (Extra Care scheme for older people) – focus on maintaining independence
- 1 person temporary accommodation in Havant whilst new-build independent-living flat in centre of Eastleigh is completed (exp Sept 2016) - focus on enablement to live independently. Still attends Hexagon
- 1 person chosen to remain in JDM until new flat completed (exp Aug / Sept 2016)

## Next Steps / Future Use of Site

- Building will not close until final tenant is rehoused
- Plans to develop Extra Care Housing for adults with disabilities
- Development will be part of Transformation to 2017 Disabilities Accommodation workstream
- Continue to work in partnership with Stonewater Housing Association and Eastleigh Borough Council
- Involve interested parties from local community