

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equalities Impact Assessment:

1.1 Full Impact Assessment completed. Summary findings are:

- The reports looked at the equalities impact of developing Extra Care schemes across Hampshire by enhancing existing sheltered housing schemes and by developing a number of new build schemes for older people. The reason for doing this is to enable older people to remain independent for as long as possible and living in their own flat/apartment rather than have move unnecessarily early into residential care or nursing home accommodation.
- In general, where data is available, the characteristics of people using Adult Services support in New Forest meet the characteristics of the local population. The assessment has identified that Extra Care in particular is used primarily by people who are older and who have frailties, disabilities or mental health issues. The commissioning of care and support services at these sites will help to support the health and social care needs of these people.
- The equality impact is positive.
- It is proposed to enhance a number of existing sheltered housing schemes and develop a number of new schemes across Hampshire to meet the needs of vulnerable older people. The identification of schemes for enhancement will be based on evidence of need, and an assessment of the suitability of the existing accommodation.
- The schemes will offer a local neighbourhood focus and a community hub which will help in responding to the demands of Hampshire's rapidly growing older population, to which these schemes are directed.
- The schemes will be commissioned in partnership with the District councils and Registered Providers with attention paid to equalities in the procurement of the future care and support provider. All future care and support providers will have to demonstrate their compliance to this in all aspects of their work.
- The schemes will also offer employment opportunities for those interested in working in housing, care and support provision.

2. Age:

- 2.1 Hampshire's own population statistics show that whilst the child and young adult populations are forecast to decline, the number of over 75's is set to grow. In the period 2011-17, the over 75 year population is set to increase by approximately sixteen thousand people whilst the under 75 year old population only increases by twelve thousand. This pattern of an increasing proportion of the population across Hampshire being over 65yrs continues markedly through to 2026. From 2006 - 2026 there is a fifteen thousand increase in the over 65yrs population.

2.2 This initiative will extend the current model of Extra Care available at a small number of sites across Hampshire to a larger number of locations across the county. Thereby it will improve access to this option of housing with care and support to people wishing to remain in their own locality.

3. Disability

3.1 Many older people have physical impairments which may increase as they age. This means that their physical environment can hamper their lifestyle if it is not an easy to access environment (eg level floors, few steps, sufficient space etc). Schemes selected for enhancement will be required to be fully accessible, and all new Extra Care housing schemes will be both accessible and well designed for easy access throughout the building.

4. Socio Economic Factors

4.1 The proposed schemes will be developed in conjunction with Registered Providers, and offer both accommodation for rent and for shared ownership. 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.

5. Rural isolation

5.1 People using these schemes will be from the local community in which they will be situated. The reason for developing these schemes is to achieve a number of additional schemes across the county to offer opportunity of access to all eligible people across the county.