

Strategic housing panel meeting - Tue, 11 Jun 2013

Councillors

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Councillor	Present
Councillor George Clements [1]	
Councillor Peter Stephenson [2]	
Councillor Paul Whalley [3]	
Councillor Reg Heathcote [4]	
Councillor Alan Jacob [5]	
Councillor John Bowman [6]	
Councillor Lena Hogg [7]	

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STRATEGIC HOUSING PANEL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11 JUNE 2013 at 10:00am
Present: Councillors George Summers (Chairman), Ray Matthews, Alan Lamb, John Fisher and Peter Stephenson.
Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Paul Whalley.
Officers: Debbie Cochrane, Housing Services Manager, Alan Kenworthy, Head of Development Strategy and the Housing/Use, Member Services Technical Support Officer.
Also present: Tom Barber, Cumbria Affordable Homes Project.
IN THE MINUTE
RESOLVED - That the Minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 2013 be agreed by the Chairman as a correct record.
IN THE AGENDA
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IN THE AGENDA
Council for Peter Stephenson declared a non pecuniary interest in all Agenda items which inform the Housing Group also to being a Home Group member.
IN THE AGENDA
It was agreed that Agenda item 7 would be taken before item 6.
IN THE AGENDA
Cumbria Affordable Homes Project
Tom Barber, Cumbria Affordable Homes Project, provided the Panel with a presentation on the work that had been undertaken by the project and also the intention in which it was going.
Questions were asked during the session and Members were advised that if they had further enquiries, they could contact the project via the following website - www.cumbriaahomes.org.uk
Members requested a copy of the presentation slides, if available.
Mr Barber was thanked for his presentation.
RESOLVED - That the presentation be received.

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Strategic Housing Panel 11/06/13
Review of Services for Young Adults (S/TA) year 10/11/12 Report

EXECUTIVE MEMBER: Councillor Clement
USE OFFICER: John Kenworthy
REPORT AUTHOR: Debbie Cochrane

Summary and Recommendation:
Copeland County Council was criticised for OFSTED last year for the quality of their work relating to young people aged 16/17 years. In addition to this, there have been three serious case reviews that also criticised work in this area and the lack of partnership working. Given the existing membership local authorities in Copeland will receive services available for young people within their districts. Officers from Copeland Borough Council, Children's Services and agencies working with young people are in the process of reviewing the services available in Copeland with particular reference to housing and support needs. It is recommended that progress reports are made regularly to Strategic Housing Panel.

1. INTRODUCTION
1.1 In terms of statutory duty we are looking at S/TA year olds but in reality young people do not present themselves on their 16th birthday without organisations being aware of them, nor do their needs magically get resolved they turn 16. It is therefore agreed by Copeland Housing Executive Group (CHEG) that a successful outcome for a young person will be:

To young person which sustainable, homeless and 16-17 years old will receive an efficient and suitable service which result in a successful outcome for them. That individual's needs will be met in a sustainable and independent way.

To achieve this successful outcome, support agencies will need a partnership approach which means that they will work collaboratively together to make the process clear and effective.

2. Existing Provision
2.1 We know that young people are not homogeneous group and we do not define by easily into one category or another however there are three common groups of young people:

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Strategic Housing Panel 2013
Item 7

Supporting People – Central Access Point Review Report

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS: Councillor Cameron
LEAD OFFICER: Julie Bennett
REPORT AUTHOR: Debbie Colverson

Summary and Recommendations

This report provides a detailed analysis of the development and delivery of the Central Access Point (CAP), administered by Supporting People. The report covers the background to the CAP, its objectives and its current position, during the first three quarters of the year 2012/13 (1st April 2012 to 31st January 2013). It also summarises the findings of the Strategic Housing Panel with the attached information.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The implementation of a Central Access Point (CAP) was approved by the Supporting People Commissioning Body in 2011. The purpose of the CAP was to deliver the following:

- Reduced vulnerability to the potentially harmful effects of housing-related support cuts in remote areas;
- That a single pathway to housing support services is in place;
- Housing support services are tailored to the individual and the most appropriate service is arranged between organisations;
- The Supporting People services is managed effectively and efficiently;
- That partners in public sector organisations housing-related support work coordinate a free collaboration of staff;
- That information will be recorded and monitored;
- That strategic information will be shared regarding gaps in services where individuals are identified as priority.

1.2 The CAP became an integral part of the early financial Supporting People contract (April 2012).

1.3 All individuals in need of housing-related support are assessed by a Local Area Coordinator (LAC) in discussion with the individual to ensure appropriate service. When an individual has housing support needs and they are identified as a priority, all of the services the LAC delivers is one of the short term recommendations in position. This report will also discuss if they can still meet the individual's needs. Where an individual requires housing support an individual service will be commissioned or free help from a housing support provider that is tailored to the individual's needs.

1.4 Improved effectiveness and efficiency in the CAP process, including reduced time and cost per individual, was implemented following positive feedback.

1.5 All services are made to be Central Access Point prior office in October. It has led to the following opportunities for CAP management since meeting the local authority for the relevant LAC. Following positive and collaborative review see

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Item 8

Local Authority Self Standard/Challenge for Homelessness Services

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS: Councillor Cameron
LEAD OFFICER: Julie Bennett
REPORT AUTHOR: Debbie Colverson

Summary and Recommendations

The National Self Standard Support Service (NSS) is a new service set up specifically to support local authorities to deliver early intervention and preventive housing options services and to fund the NSS. NSS have developed a 3-Stage continuous improvement approach that starts with a strategy for local authorities aiming to 'enter for continuous improvement in local housing services' and culminates in an application for the Gold Standard Challenge. NSS measures are free, easy to use and have been developed by the national housing advice service. Support is available to continuous improvement for local housing services and the Strategic Housing Panel is recommended to support the process for Gold Standard.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The NSS has been working with NPHS and other partners in the sector such as, Crisis, the Department of Housing and Communities, to develop the Self Standard process.

1.2 The Self Standard Challenge is a peer review scheme designed to help local authorities deliver more efficient and cost effective homelessness prevention services.

1.3 The Self Standard Challenge is based on the 'top 100 challenges' set out in the report from the national Housing Group on 'Homelessness: Tipping Every Central Council of Self Approach to the Prevention of Homelessness'. It has been designed to support local authorities deliver effective and efficient services that prevent and tackle homelessness effectively.

1.4 By entering the 10 challenges, local authorities will be demonstrating that they have a comprehensive prevention process in place for all clients, both the statutory and non statutory/homeless.

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STRATEGIC HOUSING PANEL
MINUTE OF MEETING HELD ON 11 JUNE 2013 AT 2:00pm

Present: Councillors George Clements (Chairman), Alan Stewart, Reg Heathcote, Lena Hogg, Alan Jacob and Peter Stephenson.

Absent: No other councillors were present. Councillor Paul Whalley.

Officers: Nicola Christie, Housing Services Manager, Alan Whalley, Head of Development Strategy and Peter Whalley, Housing Services Technical Support Officer.

The agenda: Andrew Smith, Cumbria County Council and its Habitat, Age 60.

MINUTE 1: Minutes
RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 10 April 2013 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

MINUTE 2: Order of Business
With the permission of the Chairman, it was agreed that an additional agenda item 2 would be added to the list, being a presentation on Habitat 60.

MINUTE 3: Introduction
Minutes were read as presented with amendments from Andrew Smith, Cumbria County Council and its Habitat, Age 60.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the officers for their attendance. He also thanked the members for their attendance and for their support in making such a successful meeting. He also thanked the members for their support in making such a successful meeting.

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The Panel were then presented with an outline of the application process, which included qualification criteria, reference checks and interviews. Andrew Smith and its Habitat were thanked for their presentation.

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Meeting attendance

Statistics for meeting attendance

Total committee membership	Apologies / Not present	Present	Percentage attendance
7	1	6	86

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