
ISSUES ARISING FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY - FRAIL ELDERLY HOUSING NEEDS

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 To consider a request from the Community Overview & Scrutiny Committee for funding to enable the continuation of consultancy services for the development of a housing strategy for frail older people (Min 112/02).

2 CONSULTANCY

- 2.1 The Council commissioned a research project from the Housing & Support Partnership to investigate the level of need for specialist housing/support services for frail older people, the level of provision locally, funding arrangements and to recommend the best models of service provision.
- 2.2 The consultants reported their findings to the Community Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 19 March.
- 2.3 Members of the Committee considered the report and advice received from the consultants to be of high quality, and concluded that there was a substantial task to be undertaken by the Committee in developing a strategy to address the issues raised. The Committee requested:-

“That the Policy and Finance Committee be requested to consider the retention of the Housing and Support Partnership as consultants on this project with officers reporting into that Committee on the possible sources of funding for this”.

3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 A budget of £15,000 was allocated in 2001/2 for the original work, of which only £8,000 was spent. It is suggested that the balance of £7,000 be used to fund any further research and consultancy advice required by the Community Overview & Scrutiny Committee for this piece of work.

4 RECOMMENDATION

It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**

That £7,000 be made available to fund further consultancy work from the Housing and Support Partnership, to be funded from underspend in the 2001/2 budget allocated for this work.

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Background Papers:

None.

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