

## **EX16. REVIEW OF CARE HOMES FOR OLDER PEOPLE**

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Social Work proposing the creation of a new purpose built care home.

The Housing and Social Care Committee agreed, on 6 November 2012 (ref HSC25), a review of the efficiency of residential and other high dependency services for older people. A driver for the review had been the physical environment of the Council's two care homes, Oakbank and Summerford House, which had been criticised by the Care Inspectorate as weak against quality standards.

The review considered that there was a need for the Council to maintain its current level of provision and looked at the feasibility of building a new facility on either of the current sites. A technical analysis concluded that while it was not feasible to build on the Oakbank site there was scope to build on the Summerford site. The capital cost of the provision is £3.729m with £3.459m provided for in the Capital Programme. It was proposed that the shortfall, £270k, would be met from the Social Work Repairs and Renewals fund. An anticipated £109k annual saving in running costs could be realised as a consequence of the proposal. Should the Executive agree to progress the proposal, a consultation with residents, families and staff will be carried out together with an Equality and Poverty Impact Assessment.

### **Decision**

**The Executive agreed to:-**

- (1) note the feasibility study which has been undertaken and the proposals set out in section 4 of the report;**
- (2) ask the Chief Executive to ensure that residents and families in both Summerford and Oakbank are consulted about how the new development can be taken forward in a way that minimises disruption to residents and meets their needs; and**
- (3) ask the Chief Executive to provide an update following the consultation and completion of the Equality and Poverty Impact Assessment in order to enable a final decision to be taken.**