

EX60. Residential Short Breaks – Thornton Gardens, Bonnybridge

The Executive considered a report by the Head of Integration in respect of a proposal to relocate the residential short breaks service from the Rowans bungalow, owned by NHS Forth Valley at the Lochview Hospital site but managed by the Social Work Adults Service, to a council owned property at Thornton Gardens, Bonnybridge.

The Chief Officer of Health and Social Care partnership explained that this arose because the Rowans bungalow had developed a major structural fault and the current tenant at Thornton Gardens, Bield Housing Association Limited (Bield), had ceased their residential care service there and wished to renounce the lease.

The lease with Bield contained provisions governing liability as between the landlord and tenant for funding obtained by Bield in 1991 to build the property. There is an outstanding Housing Association Grant owed by Bield to the Scottish Government. Discussions had taken place between the Council, Bield and the Scottish Government to resolve the question of liability by agreement.

Decision

The Executive:

- (1) noted the requirement for the residential short breaks service delivered currently at the Rowans to relocate due to the building having developed a structural fault;**
- (2) noted the proposed relocation of the residential short breaks service to the Council owned facility at Thornton Gardens, Bonnybridge, and**
- (3) to facilitate the relocation of the residential short breaks service, authorised:**
 - (i) acceptance of the renunciation of the current lease at Thornton Gardens by the tenant Bield, so returning the beneficial ownership of the property to Council;**
 - (ii) acceptance by the Council of the continuing Housing Association Grant liability equivalent of £524,630 which is tied to the property on the terms agreed with Scottish Government as set out in paragraph 4.7 below.**