

**Open Report on behalf of Glen Garrod,
Executive Director of Adult Care & Community Wellbeing**

Report to:	Adults Scrutiny Committee
Date:	22 February 2017
Subject:	Government Proposals for the Future Funding of Supported Housing

Summary:

Supported and sheltered housing enables tens of thousands of people across the country, including the elderly, homeless and those living with disabilities, to live independently and get their lives back on track. Stable funding for these vital support services reduces pressure on more costly public services like the NHS and social care, saving the taxpayer an estimated £3.5bn per year.

In September 2016, the Departments for Work and Pensions, and Communities and Local Government outlined proposals to change the way supported housing is funded. The Government announced that a new system will be introduced in April 2019 and a formal consultation process ended on 13 February 2017.

This report and presentation to be made at the meeting details what those changes are and the Council's response to the consultation.

Actions Required:

The Committee is asked to consider the information presented in the report.

1. Background

Lincolnshire County Council currently commissions a range of supported housing services across Adult Care and Community Wellbeing.

Officers will make a presentation to the Committee outlining the key elements of the new proposals which are summarised in Appendix A and the impact and action for Lincolnshire.

A consultation ran for 12 weeks and ended on 13 February 2017. A Green Paper on the detailed arrangements for the local top-up model and approach to short-term accommodation will follow in the spring. In the meantime, Lincolnshire County Council has submitted a formal response to the consultation.

2. Consultation

None for Lincolnshire County Council.

3. Conclusion

It is expected that there will be a large and strong response across the country from a range of organisations on this complex service area.

The Communities and Public Safety Scrutiny Committee received this presentation on 25 January 2017 and supported officers' approach to the consultation response. This item is presented to the Adults Scrutiny Committee to highlight the relevance of this topic to Members of the Committee and provide early insight on the matter in anticipation of it returning in the summer to the newly constituted Scrutiny Committee for Adult Care and Public Health.

a) Have Risks and Impact Analysis been carried out??

No

b) Risks and Impact Analysis

Further work will be required following the release of the Green Paper once a clearer model is forthcoming from this period of consultation.

4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report

Appendix A	Funding For Supported Housing
Appendix B	Learning Disability England: Changes to Supported Housing – What do you Think?
Appendix C	Lincolnshire County Council Funding for Supported Housing Response

5. Background Papers

Document title	Where the document can be viewed
Housing: Written Statement HCWS563 by The Minister for Disabled People (Justin Tomlinson) on 01 March 2016	http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-statement/Commons/2016-03-01/HCWS563
Housing Benefit: Written statement HCWS154 by The Secretary of State for Work and Pensions (Damian Green) on 15 September 2016	http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-statement/Commons/2016-09-15/HCWS154/?dm_i=3R33,36VG,11XI0P,9F14,1
Funding for Supported Housing – Consultation November 2016	https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/funding-for-supported-housing

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