

THE EXECUTIVE

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES

UPDATE ON THE RE-PROVISION OF DISABILITY DAY AND RESIDENTIAL SERVICES		FOR DECISION
<p>Summary: This report provides an update on the programme for modernising day and residential services for disabled adults and asks the Executive to agree proposals for the name of the new buildings</p> <p>Wards Affected: Gascoigne, Heath and Becontree</p>		
<p>Implications:</p> <p>Financial: Financial issues here relate to the reprovision of three Council-run Learning Disability establishments. The reprovision of services have been contained within existing budgets for the service, no additional resources are required.</p> <p>Legal: None</p> <p>Risk Management: None</p> <p>Social Inclusion and Diversity: As this report does not concern a new or revised policy there are no specific adverse impacts insofar as this report is concerned.</p> <p>Crime and Disorder: There are no specific implications insofar as this report is concerned.</p>		
<p>Recommendation(s)</p> <p>The Executive is asked to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Note the progress on the programme of modernising day and residential services for disabled adults; and2. Agree that the new Day Resource Base at 80a Gascoigne Road be named "The Maples", subject to any necessary approvals from statutory consultees.		
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1. Introduction and Background

- 1.1 On 8 November 2003 the Executive agreed a Capital budget of £2.5m to enable the re-provision of York House, Tudor House and the Gascoigne Centre in modern purpose designed buildings; a new residential unit for Adults with Learning Disabilities and a new Day Resource Centre for Adults with Learning Disabilities and Physical Disabilities on the site of the Gascoigne Centre.
- 1.2 Work started on site in October 2004 and the programme is due for completion at the end of November 2005.
- 1.3 Earlier update reports were submitted to the Executive on 9 March 2004 and 18 January 2005 (Minutes 325 and 258 respectively). This report provides an update on progress and makes recommendations for the names of the Day Resource Base and Residential Home.

2. Current Position

2.1 New Buildings

Work on both of the new buildings is now well advanced. Handover of the buildings is on schedule for 29 November 2005.

In keeping with Ordinary Life Principles, the Residential Home will not be named and will be known only by its postal address of 80 Gascoigne Road, Barking IG11 7LQ.

However, it is proposed that the new Day Resource Base at 80a Gascoigne Road be named "The Maples", subject to any necessary approvals from statutory consultees.

2.2 Tudor House and York House

Notice was given to the Commission for Social Care Inspection (CSCI) of our intention to close Tudor House at the end of August 2005.

York House will continue to provide respite care for up to 4 people until mid November and residential care for the seven permanent residents until it closes at the end of November 2005. At this point the permanent residents will move into their new home.

As Care Standard Regulations no longer permit us to provide respite care in the same building as long-term care, work has been underway to redesign the provision of Respite Care and this will be the subject of a further report to Members.

2.3 Disposal of York House and Tudor House

Both sites form part of the Council's Land Disposal Programme and were marketed earlier in the year. A number of offers were received for both sites and these were evaluated in keeping with the Land Disposal Process.

The best offers for York and Tudor House are being considered and draft contracts of the sale of both sites are currently being drafted and negotiated. Both sites will require planning consent and it is likely that the relevant application will be made in

October 2005. Once planning consent has been granted the sale of both sites will be completed.

2.4 Implementation of New Staffing Structure

In order to ensure the effective delivery of day services in line with the Principles of Valuing People and residential services that meet Care Standard Regulations, all existing Job Descriptions were reviewed and new Job Descriptions developed in line with requirements for modernised services that offer service users independence, rights, choice and inclusion.

The majority of staff have now been assimilated into their new roles in accordance with the Council's Assimilation Process.

Overall there are seven staff who have not been assimilated into the new structure and are currently seeking redeployment.

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 The finances of this proposal were previously summarised to the Executive in January 2005. In summary, the finance released from the closure of the three establishments in the Adult Learning Disabilities services, have been used to fully fund the new services re-opening. There is no additional revenue requirement, and all costs have been contained within existing LD budgets for these improved services.

4. Consultees

- 4.1 Throughout the process regular consultation has taken place with staff, trade unions, service users and carers. This has been achieved through a combination of individual meetings, group meetings, and a newsletter outlining progress at each stage of the Programme.

Background Papers Used in the Preparation of the Report:

Report to the Executive 18 January 2005 – Update on the Re-Provision of Disability Day and Residential Services

Report to the Executive 9 March 2004 – Modernisation Programme for Disability Day and Residential Services – Options for Improving Service Provision

Valuing People White Paper – The National Strategy for Learning Disability 2001

Best Value Review Of Day Services for Adults – June 2000