

Bolsover District Council

Customer Service & Transformation Scrutiny Committee

29th May 2018

Review of Disability Adaptations to Council Properties – Executive Response

Report of the Chair of Customer Service & Transformation Scrutiny Committee

This report is public

Purpose of the Report

- To present Executive's Response to the Review of Disability Adaptations to Council Properties to Customer Service & Transformation Scrutiny Committee.

1 Report Details

- 1.1 The Customer Service & Transformation Scrutiny Committee wished to scrutinise Council performance in making disability adaptations to Council properties. Their purpose was to explore whether the Authority continues to receive value for money in procuring disability adaptations and ensure it is able to carry out as many adaptations as possible each year within the allocated budget. The perception of a waiting list for adaptations is a concern to Members.
- 1.2 The aim of the review was to assess whether the process of providing disabled adaptations to Council properties works efficiently to provide what disabled residents need and delivers value for money.
- 1.3 The Committee has concluded that the reasonable course of action is to continue to monitor the Council's performance on carrying out 300 disability adaptations to Council houses each year.
- 1.4 This report acknowledges their response to the Review recommendations and advises Committee to commence a period of Post-Scrutiny Monitoring to ensure effective implementation of the approved recommendations.

2 Conclusions and Reasons for Recommendation

- 2.1 Members are required to make their report and findings public, in accordance with Part 4.5.17(3) of the Constitution.
- 2.2 Committee is required to monitor implementation of their recommendations in accordance with Part 3.6(2) of the Constitution.

3 Consultation and Equality Impact

- 3.1 All Scrutiny Committees are committed to equality and diversity in undertaking their statutory responsibilities and ensure equalities are considered as part of all Reviews. The selection criteria when submitting a topic, specifically asks members to identify where the topic suggested affects particular population groups or geographies.
- 3.2 The Council has a statutory duty under s.149 Equality Act 2010 to have due regard to the need to advance equality of opportunity and to eliminate discrimination. The efficient provision of disability adaptations supports this duty and delivers positive outcomes for disabled people of all ages and for carers.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 4.1 That Members note Cabinet's response to the review recommendations and agree to review progress on the approved recommendations. A progress report will be submitted in twelve months' time, with any exceptions to expected delivery highlighted.
- 4.2 Committee is required to monitor implementation of their recommendations in accordance with Part 3.6(2) of the Constitution and as such the report cannot be rejected.

5 Implications

5.1 Finance and Risk Implications

- 5.1.1 None from this report.

5.2 Legal Implications including Data Protection

- 5.2.1 In carrying out scrutiny reviews the Council is exercising its scrutiny powers as laid out in s.21 of the Local Government Act 2000 and subsequent legislation which added to/amended these powers e.g. the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

5.3 Human Resources Implications

- 5.3.1 None directly from this report.

6 Recommendations

- 6.1 That Members note Executive's Response to the Review of Disability Adaptations to Council Properties.
- 6.2 That Members make its report and findings public, in accordance with Part 4.5.17(3) of the Constitution.
- 6.3 That Officers monitor progress on the recommendations and report in twelve months' time highlighting exceptions to delivery.

7 Decision Information

<p>Is the decision a Key Decision? A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds: <i>BDC: Revenue - £75,000</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Capital - £150,000</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>NEDDC: Revenue - £100,000</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Capital - £250,000</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i></p>	No
<p>Is the decision subject to Call-In? (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</p>	No
<p>District Wards Affected</p>	All where there is provision of council housing
<p>Links to Corporate Plan priorities or Policy Framework</p>	<p>Aim: Providing Our Customers with Excellent Service</p> <p>Priority: Supporting vulnerable and disadvantaged people</p>

8 Document Information

Appendix No	Title
1.	Review of Disability Adaptations to Council Properties – Action Plan
<p>Background Papers (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet (NEDDC) or Executive (BDC) you must provide copies of the background papers)</p>	
<p>All documents related to the Review of Disability Adaptations to Council Properties.</p> <p>Please contact Scrutiny & Elections Officer where further information is required.</p>	
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