

**Bolsover District Council**

**Meeting of the Customer Services Scrutiny Committee on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

**Review of Council-Owned Adapted Accommodation – Post Scrutiny Monitoring  
(Final Report)**

**Report of the Chair of Customer Services Scrutiny Committee**

<b>Classification</b>	This report is Public
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**PURPOSE/SUMMARY OF REPORT**

- To present the final Post-Scrutiny Monitoring Report on the Review of Council-Owned Adapted Accommodation to Customer Services Scrutiny Committee.

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**REPORT DETAILS**

**1. Background**

- 1.1 The Customer Services Scrutiny Committee agreed to undertake a Review of Council-owned Adapted Accommodation, as part of the 2021-22 Work Programme.
- 1.2 The issue was initially raised via an Executive report in April 2021, highlighting the need to evaluate our supply of family sized adapted accommodation. It was noted that the Council had recently been approached by applicants seeking very specific accommodation as a result of having younger family members with disabilities. Although these applications are relatively rare, they had raised the issue of the supply of family-sized adapted accommodation.
- 1.3 Under the Equality Act 2010 the Council has a duty to make reasonable adjustments for people with disabilities to ensure they receive the same services, as far as this is possible, as someone who is not disabled. A disability under this Act is defined as a physical or mental impairment that has a ‘substantial’ and ‘long-term’ negative effect on the ability to do normal daily activities. ‘Substantial’ and ‘Long-term’ mean:
- ‘substantial’ is more than minor or trivial, i.e. it takes much longer than it usually would to complete a daily task like getting dressed

- 'long-term' means 12 months or more, i.e. a breathing condition that develops as a result of a lung infection.

## **2. Details of Proposal or Information**

- 2.1 This report constitutes the second monitoring report, twelve months after approval by Executive.
- 2.2 This report acknowledges progress to date by Officers implementing the recommendations.
- 2.3 The Committee put together nine recommendations which will hopefully assist the Council in improving our policy and procedures in relation to allocation and management of adapted accommodation.
- 2.4 To date 6 out of 9 recommendations have been achieved, 2 are on track and will require ongoing delivery, and 1 has been extended but should complete within the revised suggested timescale.

## **3. Reasons for Recommendation**

- 3.1 Members are required to make their report and findings public, in accordance with Part 4.5.17(4) of the Constitution.
- 3.2 Committee is required to monitor implementation of their recommendations in accordance with Part 3.6(1) of the Constitution.

## **4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection**

- 4.1 There are no alternative options. Members are required to note the service's response to progress against the review recommendations.
- 4.2 Committee is required to monitor implementation of their recommendations in accordance with Part 3.6(1) of the Constitution and as such the report cannot be rejected.

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## **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

- 6.1 That Members note the progress against the review recommendations.
- 6.2 That Members acknowledge any exceptions to delivery and clarify the additional action required by the service.
- 6.3 That Members make its report and findings public, in accordance with Part 4.5.17(4) of the Constitution.

**IMPLICATIONS:**

**Finance and Risk:**            Yes             No

**Details:** None from this report. Suggested action for the service can be contained within existing budgets.

On behalf of the Section 151 Officer

**Legal (including Data Protection):**            Yes             No

**Details:**

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.

On behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

**Environment:**

Please identify (if applicable) how this proposal/report will help the Authority meet its carbon neutral target or enhance the environment.

**Details:**

As part of Adaptation works, the Council seeks to ensure energy efficient features are installed where applicable, if not already in place.

**Staffing:**            Yes             No

**Details:** None from this report.

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

**DECISION INFORMATION**

<p><b>Is the decision a Key Decision?</b> 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:</p> <p><b>Revenue - £75,000</b>   <input type="checkbox"/>   <b>Capital - £150,000</b>   <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i></p>	No
<p><b>Is the decision subject to Call-In?</b> <i>(Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</i></p>	No

<b>District Wards Significantly Affected</b>	All
<b>Consultation:</b> <b>Leader / Deputy Leader</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Executive</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>SLT</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Relevant Service Manager</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Members</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Public</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Other</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Details:</b> Detailed consultation with service area and relevant Portfolio.

<b>Links to Council Ambition: Customers, Economy and Environment.</b>
Ambition: Customers

<b>DOCUMENT INFORMATION</b>	
<b>Appendix No</b>	<b>Title</b>
8.1	PSM Review of Council-Owned Adapted Accommodation – FINAL Original Recommendations from Review and Executive’s Response
8.2	PSM Review of Council-Owned Adapted Accommodation – FINAL Response to Scrutiny Committee on implementation following scrutiny review

<b>Background Papers</b>
<i>(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 Executive you must provide copies of the background papers).</i>
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