

**REPORT TO:** Executive Board

**DATE:** 19 July 2018

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Strategic Director, People

**PORTFOLIO:** Children, Education and Social Care

**SUBJECT:** Care Home Provision - Belvedere Development

**WARD(S)** Borough-wide

**1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 To seek Executive Board approval to develop a proposal to consider the development of Belvedere as a care home for older people.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That**

- 1) DASS to develop a costed proposal for the development of Belvedere; and**
- 2) Agrees that a further report be brought back to Executive Board, setting out other potential options to increase capacity within this sector and associated partnership agreements and models of delivery for approval.**

**3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 The current availability of care homes in Halton is limited, with vacancy rates of approximately 5%. The recent closure of Cartref Care Home has placed additional pressure on the system, with a further reduction of 25 residential beds. Unfortunately it was not possible to secure a purchase of Cartref.

3.2 The Local Authority are working closely with key stakeholders to secure the future sustainability of this sector, including the recent purchase of two care homes in the Borough to prevent closure. In addition to these actions, the Local Authority need to identify solutions to this situation and explore all opportunities to increase the available capacity within the market.

3.3 Belvedere is located in Runcorn and was previously used as accommodation for homeless people. Belvedere has been empty for approx. 4 years. It will require substantial refurbishment as it is not adapted for people with disabilities. An initial survey identified that it will require a lift, some changes to the layout, every bathroom made into a wet room etc. There is no kitchen or industrial laundry area. More detailed work is required to understand the full extent of any renovation.

3.4 In addition work will be undertaken to develop the model of delivery for Belvedere working with partners across social care and health

3.5 Other options to increase capacity are at an earlier stage and require further work to explore potential opportunities and understand risks. This includes consideration of the former care home Lilycross. This work is also being done in collaboration with partners across social care and health

#### 4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 Halton Borough Council undertakes it's statutory functions within the Care Act 2014 and associated guidance.

#### 5.0 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 Belvedere belongs to Halton Borough Council. Work will need to be undertaken to establish what renovations are required and the cost implications of this as well as the financial model for the delivery of the service

#### 6.0 **IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

##### 6.1 **Children & Young People in Halton**

None identified

##### 6.2 **Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton**

None identified

##### 6.3 **A Healthy Halton**

None identified

##### 6.4 **A Safer Halton**

None identified

##### 6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal**

None identified

7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 Belvedere

- Further work is required to understand implications of renovation
- Potential for under occupancy if renovated

8.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 None identified at this stage.

9.0 **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF  
THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

9.1 None under the meaning of the Act.