COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR ALLERDALE	Paper No.
Meeting date: 30th June 2010	
From: Corporate Director – Adult and Local Services	**7**

CONSULTATION ON THE FUTURE OF RAVENSFIELD RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME, KESWICK

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 The purpose of this report is to alert Local Committee of the decision to consult on the future of Ravensfield Cumbria Care Residential care home in Keswick, a home that continues to be at risk of flooding.

1.2 A three month formal consultation is planned to commence on 28th June 2010 through to 28th September 2010 and will include residents, family members, staff, stakeholders and the wider community.

2.0 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

2.1 ***The Commissioning Strategy for Older People and Their Carers 2009-2020 sets out the Council's vision of the services required in the future to achieve the best possible outcomes for older people and their carers. The aim is to respond to the growth in the older population by meeting the demand to support people in their own homes or in Extra care Housing with their own front doors by shifting service provision from residential care.***

2.2 ***The modernisation of Cumbria Care is essential to deliver the key outcome of the Council Plan to improve the health and well being of adults and is at the heart of delivering the white paper 'Our Health, our care, our say – a new direction for community services'.***

2.3 ***The proposal to close Ravensfield is in line with the requirement to support people in their own homes, however the specific driver is in response to flood risks faced at it's location in Keswick. The***

residential care home will be subject to consultation and equality impact assessment.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

3.1 Local Committee is requested to note the attached Cabinet report setting out the continued flood risks to Ravensfield residential care home and a proposal to consult on the future of Ravensfield which will commence on 28th June 2010.

3.2 Local Committee is asked to consider the consultation process and how Committee would wish to be engaged with the process.

3.3 BACKGROUND

4.1 Cabinet agreed on 8th June 2010 to undertake a formal consultation on the proposal to not re-occupy the home and close the home on a permanent basis due to the risk to residents and staff of future flooding and the availability of alternative provision as utilised since November 2009.

4.2 The home has not been re-opened following the flood event of November 2009 and new demand has been met through supporting people at home or through alternatives. There are currently vacancies within the two independent sector homes in Keswick.

4.3 Decreasing demand for residential care, an increase in people choosing to utilise home care provision to remain living independently at home, an increase in adequate alternative residential care provision and the current home not meeting modern standards all support our action to consult on closure.

5.0 OPTIONS

5.1 No options to report. Cabinet previously considered the options on 8th June 2010.

6.0 RESOURCE AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 No implications to report. Cabinet previously considered the resource and value for money implications on 8th June 2010.

7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 No implications to report. Cabinet previously considered the legal implications on 8th June 2010.

8.0 CONCLUSION

8.1 Local Area Committee is requested to note Cabinet's decision on the proposal to consult on the proposed closure of Ravensfield residential care home in Keswick due to the risk to residents and staff of future flooding and the availability of alternative provision as utilised since November 2009.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 - Report to Cabinet 8 June 2010

Electoral Division(s): Keswick

	In relation to covering report		
Executive Decision		**No***	
Key Decision		**No***	
If a Key Decision, is the proposal published in the current Forward Plan?			**N/A***
Is the decision exempt from call-in on grounds of urgency?	**N/A**		
If exempt from call-in, has the agreement of the Chair of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee been sought or obtained?			**N/A***
Has this matter been considered by Overview and Scrutiny? If so, give details below.		**No***	
Has an environmental or sustainability impact assessment been undertaken?			**N/A***
Has an equality impact assessment been undertaken?			**N/A***

N.B. ***If an executive decision is made, then a decision cannot be implemented until the expiry of the eighth working day after the date of the meeting – unless the decision is urgent and exempt from call-in and necessary approvals have been obtained.***

PREVIOUS RELEVANT COUNCIL OR EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

Cabinet meeting - 8 June 2010

CONSIDERATION BY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

Not considered by Overview and Scrutiny

BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background papers

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