

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Finance and Resources
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EXEMPT	No
CONFIDENTIAL	No
REPORT TITLE	Complex Care Funding Profile Stoneywood
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TERMS OF REFERENCE	1.1.4

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek amendment to the 2023-2025 Housing Capital Programme to include provision for the construction of Complex Care accommodation at Stoneywood.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Committee:-

- 2.1 Note the contents of this report;
- 2.2 Approve the amendment to the 2023-2025 Housing Capital Programme to include Stoneywood accordingly; and
- 2.3 Note that the Chief Officer Aberdeen City Health and Social Care Partnership will present a report to Aberdeen Integration Joint Board on 6 February 2024 to seek approval for the changes highlighted in this report and for the costs for servicing the borrowing.

3. CURRENT SITUATION

What are the current accommodation requirements?

- 3.1 At present there is an insufficient number of services/placements locally for people with Complex Care needs. The built environment affects the way support models can be delivered, and if unsuitable, can lead to challenges in the management of need and communication, often resulting in challenging behaviour.
- 3.2 Given the aforementioned, a Full Business Case was developed and approved by this Committee on 22 November 2023 for a bespoke development at

Stoneywood, in order to help meet the accommodation needs for the growing number of people with Complex Care requirements.

- 3.3 Despite the best efforts of Officers and Members, it has not been possible to identify a full funding profile for this development. Given that the preferred tender is due to expire on 30 January 2024, there is a necessity to secure a funding profile as a matter of some urgency, which will prevent the tender exercise from requiring to be repeated.
- 3.4 To this end, it is now proposed that in order to proceed with this vital project, the necessary funding is secured via Aberdeen City Council, with Aberdeen Integration Joint Board covering the requisite costs for the lifecycle of the loan. In short, there is no additional cost to Aberdeen City Council.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The indicative borrowing requirement is £3,013,367. It is anticipated that the Aberdeen Integration Joint Board will bear the cost of servicing the loan, and there is no additional cost to Aberdeen City Council.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Completing this project will allow Aberdeen City Council to ensure they are meeting the duty as defined by the United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (1991) in terms of defined Accessible Housing for those who are “inadequately housed”. The 1991 Committee stated that “Special measures should be taken to ensure adequate housing for disabled people, older people, those living in areas vulnerable to natural disasters, and others who require them”. Approving provision of Complex Care accommodation will deliver this.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There will be environmental impacts in the development of local services/accommodation which are equivalent to existing general needs housing provision (scale dependant). The assessment of environmental implications are identified in the Full Business Case previously approved.

7. RISK

- 7.1 The assessment of risk is considered to be consistent with the Council’s Risk Appetite Statement. Key Risks are identified in the Full Business Case previously approved.

8. OUTCOMES

<u>COUNCIL DELIVERY PLAN 2022-2023</u>	
Impact of Report	
<p>Aberdeen City Council Policy Statement</p> <p><u>Working in Partnership for Aberdeen</u></p>	<p>The proposals within this report support the delivery of the following aspects of the policy statement:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Via provision of affordable housing for people with Complex Care needs, supporting Homes for the Future and Caring for Each Other.
<u>Aberdeen City Local Outcome Improvement Plan 2016-26</u>	
<p>Prosperous Economy Stretch Outcomes</p>	<p>The proposals within this report support the building of new council housing. This will provide a much needed boost to the local economy, via provision of employment opportunities (including apprenticeships) and by supporting local businesses (e.g. cafes and takeaways) during the construction phase and beyond. This links well to LOIP Stretch Outcome 2, “400 unemployed Aberdeen City residents supported into Fair Work by 2026” and also LOIP Stretch Outcome 3, “500 Aberdeen City residents upskilled/ reskilled to enable them to move into, within and between economic opportunities as they arise by 2026”.</p>
<p>Prosperous People Stretch Outcomes</p>	<p>The proposals within this report support the delivery of LOIP Stretch Outcome 5, “90% of Children and young people will report that their experiences of mental health and wellbeing have been listened to by 2026.” This paper seeks approval to progress with specialist accommodation provision which will ensure sustainable housing for children and young people in the future.</p> <p>It also supports LOIP Stretch Outcome 11 “Healthy life expectancy (time lived in good health) is five years longer by 2026.” This paper will support health by providing high quality and sustainable housing solutions.</p>

9. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

Assessment	Outcome
Integrated Impact Assessment	Completed.
Data Protection Impact Assessment	Not required.

Other	A Health Inequalities Impact Assessment is embedded within the Full Business Case previously approved.
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10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 10.1 Scottish Government and COSLA, Coming Home Implementation: report from the Working Group on Complex Care and Delayed Discharge, February 2022
- 10.2 Aberdeen City Council Finance & Resources Committee, 7 December 2022, Complex Care Strategic Business Case
- 10.3 Aberdeen City Council Finance & Resources Committee, 29 March 2023, Complex Care Outline Business Case
- 10.4 Aberdeen City Council Finance & Resources Committee, 22 November 2023, Complex Care Full Business Case

11. APPENDICES

None

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