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8th September 2010

Review of Sheltered Housing - UPDATE

Dear Resident

Following a Review of Sheltered Housing and further to community consultation, Officers have asked the Executive Committee to consider proposals for revised categories for Older Persons Council Accommodation in the Borough. Approval, in principle, was given at the Committee's latest meeting held on 28th July, 2010. Full details of the proposed categories for Older Persons Housing are listed on the reverse of this letter.

Your address falls into Category:

How will this affect me?

You do not need to do anything. The proposed criteria will determine who can move in, in the future. If you do not agree with the proposals or have any questions you can contact us (see below) or attend one of the meetings being held shortly (see attached). If you would like to attend one of these meetings but the time is inconvenient, or you prefer a home visit please contact us for other options.

Why are you writing to us now?

Although the consultation period has now ended, at the request of the Executive Committee, Officers will be offering you the opportunity to meet with them should you wish to comment on the proposals or ask any questions. Any feedback will be passed back to the Executive Committee at their next meeting on 8th September, 2010 and to Full Council on 20th September, 2010. Official notification will follow after Full Council has given the matter its full consideration.

How can I get further information?

If you prefer not to or cannot attend one of the scheduled meetings and would like to comment or ask any questions about the Review you can contact any one of the following:-

- Your Home Support Officer (if you have one)
- Sharon Powell (01527) 64252 ext 4004
- Carol Cockette (01527) 64252 ext 7601
- Emma Cartwright (01527) 64252 ext 3994

Yours sincerely,

Liz Tompkin
Head of Housing

<p style="text-align: center;">PROPOSED CATEGORIES FOR OLDER PERSONS COUNCIL ACCOMMODATION IN REDDITCH</p>

Older Persons Supported Housing – Category A

- suitable for persons aged **65** years old and over **and** who have an assessed support need.
- acceptable safety and security standards
- in a suitable, desirable location
- suitable internal and external access, including a lift to upper floors
- suitable communal facilities
- eligible to join in communal activities at other schemes

Older Persons Housing – Category A Bungalows

- suitable for persons aged **60** years old and over with preference to be given where there is an assessed support need or to a wheelchair user
- also suitable for adults aged 18 years old and over with severe mobility issues or wheelchair users
- suitable internal and external access
- eligible to join in communal activities at other schemes

Older Persons Housing for Over 60's– Category B

- suitable for persons aged **60** years old and over with or without an assessed support need
- priority would be given to wheelchair users in level access units
- priority would be given to those with an assessed support need
- upper floors (where appropriate) only suitable for mobile persons
- priority to move to lower floors would be given to current upper floor residents if criteria met
- suitable internal and external access
- eligible to join in communal activities at other schemes

Over 50's Housing – Category C

- suitable for persons aged 50 years old and over with or without an assessed support need

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- upper floors (where appropriate) only suitable for mobile persons
- priority on lower floors would be given those with mobility issues
- priority to move to lower floors would be given to current upper floor residents if criteria met
- eligible to join in communal activities at other schemes

Meeting to be held in the main lounge at:	For residents of:	Date/Time
Chiltern House	Matchborough	Wednesday 4 th August 2.00pm
Malvern House	Headless Cross	Tuesday 10th August 1.00pm
Evesham Road	Headless Cross	Tuesday 10th August 2.15pm
Keats House	Headless Cross	Tuesday 10th August 3.30pm
Roxboro House	Mount Pleasant Mayfields	Wednesday 11th August 10.00am
Bentley Close	Southcrest	Wednesday 11th August 11.15am
Retreat Street	Astwood Bank Feckenham	Wednesday 11 th August 2.00pm
Fearnings Cottages	Crabbs Cross Oakenshaw	Wednesday 11 th August 3.15pm
Town Hall	All areas	Wednesday 11 th August 6pm
Bredon House	Greenlands Woodrow	Friday 13 th August 10.00am

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Beoley Road	Town Centre Abbeydale Lakeside	Friday 13 th August 11.15am
Downsell House	Webheath Batchley	Friday 13th August 2.00pm
Mendip House	Church Hill Winyates	Friday 13 th August 3.15pm