

**REPORT TO:** East Lothian Council

**MEETING DATE:** 24 June 2014

**BY:** Director of Health & Social Care

**SUBJECT:** Tranent Care Facility

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## **1 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 To provide information about the new care facility scheduled to open in Tranent later this year.
- 1.2 To describe the services that will be provided by this important new facility and arrangements for care home provision in Musselburgh and North Berwick.

## **2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

Members are asked to:

- 2.1 Note the update on Tranent Care facility;
- 2.2 Confirm the proposal to retain Eskgreen Care Home in Musselburgh and the Abbey care Home in North Berwick as East Lothian Council managed care homes for the foreseeable future;
- 2.3 Agree that the refresh of the existing Older People's Strategy be carried out as part of the development of the Strategic Plan for the Health and Social Care Partnership.

## **3 BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 The ambition for new build care facilities in Tranent, Musselburgh and Dunbar was a key feature of the East Lothian Older People's Strategy which was agreed by the Council for approval in May 2011.
- 3.2 Council noted at that time that the Strategy supported two new 60-bed care homes in Tranent and Musselburgh as re-provision for Fa'side

Lodge, Greenfield Park and Eskgreen. It was noted that the Abbey in North Berwick would be retained.

- 3.3 The new-build care facility in Tranent has been financed through the Council's capital plan and is due to open in September 2014.
- 3.4 The new building will provide 60 beds. 40 beds will be direct reprovision of care home beds at Fa'side and Greenfield Park Care Homes and 20 beds will provide step down care for East Lothian residents currently delayed in hospital. The financial resources available from Fa'side and Greenfield Park will fund the revenue costs of 40 care home beds and a combination of Change Fund and NHS investment will fund the revenue costs required for the 20 step down beds.
- 3.5 It should be noted that the funding for the 20 beds is non-recurrent and that it will be necessary to secure recurrent funding. Achieving reductions in delayed discharges will be a key indicator of success.
- 3.6 Work is ongoing to open the day centre in January 2014 as a facility to support service users with a high level of support need.
- 3.7 It is proposed that the future of Eskgreen Care Home in Musselburgh and the Abbey Care Home in North Berwick be addressed through the refresh of the Older People's Strategy and the Strategic Plan for the Health and Social Care Partnership and that both homes be retained for the foreseeable future subject to the outcome of the strategic planning process.
- 3.8 A new care home in Musselburgh is referenced in the Council's approved capital plan for 2017/18. Minor refurbishment works have been undertaken at Eskgreen to extend the life of the facility.
- 3.9 The new Tranent care facility has been designed as a high quality, warm and welcoming environment that will meet a diverse range of needs for residents, patients and day services users on an integrated basis. Close working with the Dementia Services Development Centre at the University of Stirling has ensured that the building meets the latest dementia design standards and will be fit to meet the needs of the predicted growth in numbers of people with dementia in East Lothian in the future.
- 3.10 Following recent consultation with local primary schools and care home residents, the six wings of the care home have been named as Fleets, Winton, Howden, Bankton, Tynemount and Seton. An online survey will be open until the end of June to identify a preferred name for the whole facility. The survey can be accessed at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/8RR77FC>

## **4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The Tranent Care Facility was devised as a key project for the East Lothian Older People's Strategy (approved May 2011).
- 4.2 The requirement for the Older People's Strategy to be refreshed was recognised as a manifesto commitment by the current Administration.
- 4.3 The Integration Joint Board, when formed, will be required by the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act (2014) to establish a strategic planning group which will develop, consult on and finalise a strategic plan. Work to develop care home services in East Lothian will be part of this strategic planning process.

## **5 EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

- 5.1 An equalities impact assessment is not required.

## **6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 Financial – the revenue budgets of Fa'side Lodge and Greenfield Park will be brought together to form the revenue budget for Tranent Care Home. The costs associated with the 20 step down beds will be met by NHS Lothian and the change fund including a contribution to the overall management costs of the facility.
- 6.2 Personnel - a joint service review report is being prepared which identifies the staffing need of the new care facility with reference to social care and facilities management staff.
- 6.3 Other - none

## **7 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 7.1 Report by Executive Director of Community Services to East Lothian Council, 'Older People's Strategy', 17 May 2011  
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