

# Policy Review and Development Panel

Grand Jury Room, Town Hall  
18 June 2012 at 6.00pm

The Policy Review Panel deals with reviewing policies and issues at the request of the Cabinet or Portfolio Holder, or pro-actively identifying issues that may require review; dealing with those issues either directly or by establishing Task and Finish Groups, monitoring progress of these Groups and assessing their final reports.

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# Terms of Reference

## Policy Review and Development Panel

- To review strategies and policies at the request of the Cabinet either directly or by establishing Task and Finish Groups, and to make recommendations back to Cabinet for decision.
- To review issues at the request of a Portfolio Holder either directly or by establishing Task and Finish Groups and to make recommendations back to the Portfolio Holder for decision.
- To monitor progress of Task and Finish Groups and assess their final reports prior to their submission to either the Cabinet or the Portfolio Holder.
- To proactively identify issues that may require review and improvement and to seek Cabinet's agreement as to whether and how they should be examined.

**COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL  
POLICY REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT PANEL  
18 June 2012 at 6:00pm**

**Members**

Chairman : Councillor Julie Young.  
Deputy Chairman : Councillor Mark Cory.  
Councillors Nigel Chapman, Mark Cable, Barrie Cook,  
Margaret Fairley-Crowe and Jo Hayes.

**Substitute Members** : All members of the Council who are not Cabinet members or members of this Panel.

**Agenda - Part A**

(open to the public including the media)

**Members of the public may wish to note that Agenda items 1 to 6 are normally brief and the last Agenda Item is a standard one for which there may be no business to consider.**

**Pages**

**1. Welcome and Announcements**

(a) The Chairman to welcome members of the public and Councillors and to remind all speakers of the requirement for microphones to be used at all times.

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- introduction of members of the meeting.

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To announce any items not on the agenda which the Chairman has agreed to consider because they are urgent and to give reasons for the urgency.

**4. Declarations of Interest**

The Chairman to invite Councillors to declare individually any personal interests they may have in the items on the agenda.

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- any body to which the Councillor has been appointed or nominated by the Council; or
- another public body

then the interest need only be declared if the Councillor intends to speak on that item.

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(b) The Chairman to invite contributions from members of the public who wish to Have Your Say! on a general matter not on this agenda.

## **6. Minutes**

**1 - 5**

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 5 March and 23 May 2012.

## **7. Work Programme 2012-13**

**6 - 12**

To consider a report by the Head of Corporate Management

## **8. Exclusion of the public**

In accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 and in accordance with The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 (as amended) to exclude the public, including the press, from the meeting so that any items containing exempt information (for example confidential personal, financial or legal advice), in Part B of this agenda (printed on yellow paper) can be decided. (Exempt information is defined in Section 100I and Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972).

# POLICY REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT PANEL

## 5 MARCH 2012

*Present :-* Councillor Nigel Offen (Chairman)  
Councillors Nigel Chapman, Mark Cory,  
Margaret Fairley-Crowe, Marcus Harrington,  
Lesley Scott-Boutell and Julie Young

### 14. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 November 2011 were confirmed as a correct record.

**Councillor Julie Young (in respect of her spouse being the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Community Safety) declared a personal interest in the following item pursuant to the provisions of Meetings General Procedure Rule 7(3)**

### 15. Review of Housing Allocations Policy

The Panel considered a report by the Head of Life Opportunities concerning the proposed changes to the Council's Housing Allocations Policy which governed the way in which applicants were prioritised for housing within the Council's Housing Register. These changes were necessary for the Council and its partners in order to address provisions in the Localism Act and also to mitigate the impact of the reforms to the welfare benefit system.

The Panel was invited to consider and make comments on proposed changes to those parts of the Allocations Policy which were under review. Subsequently, following a period of consultation with councillors, customers, housing providers and voluntary and statutory agencies, the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Community Safety would approve changes to the policy later in the year.

Councillor T Young, Portfolio Holder for Housing and Community Safety attended and, with the approval of the Chairman, addressed the Panel. He was very interested to hear the comments of the Panel members on the proposals and welcomed the Panel's recommendations to the Cabinet.

Matt Sterling, Housing and Communities Manager, and Diane Foley, Housing Options Manager, attended the meeting to assist members in their discussions. Diane delivered a detailed presentation to the Panel setting out the background to the current situation. She explained that a consultation event had been held on 20 January 2012 to which stakeholders of the sub-regional scheme were invited to give their opinions on the proposed changes and the results of that consultation were set out in the report.

The Council has been operating a sub-regional Choice Based Lettings (CBL) system called "Gateway to Homechoice" since May 2009. It was explained that Choice Based

Lettings was a process which gave prospective tenants control over where they would like to live. Homes were advertised weekly on a website which allowed applicants to see properties that were available and bid for available properties which met their requirements. The bidding applicant with the highest need was allocated the property. Additional support was available for the vulnerable or those without access to a computer.

Recently changes to government policy in the form of the Localism Act would remove the requirement for councils to operate an open housing register, which meant councils would be able to decide which categories of people to allow or exclude from its register. The Act also allowed councils to allocate properties to its own tenants outside the allocations scheme.

It was also explained that the welfare reform proposals would also have an impact on the allocations scheme in terms of housing benefit being reduced for working-age tenants in social housing who are living in homes larger than they need. This would bring the housing benefit for social tenants in line with the size entitlements in the private rented sector.

Colchester was part of a larger sub-regional scheme which comprised seven other partner local authorities in Suffolk and Essex. It continued to receive praise for using identical policies, a common computer platform and an agreement which allowed a percentage of tenants to move freely within the eight council areas.

The Choice Based Lettings Project Group had carried out a thorough review of the Allocation Policy and had concluded that most of the current allocations framework remained fit for purpose subject to some changes necessary to address the government policy agenda. Furthermore, there was sufficient flexibility within the policy to cater for the small number of cases where clients with especially complex needs and clients across the five housing priority groups (bands) were reasonably successful in being allocated housing. As such the Project Group had proposed amendments to the existing policy rather than to attempt to agree an entirely new approach.

Councillor Lewis attended and, with the approval of the Chairman, addressed the Panel. She referred to the problem of fathers' access to children following a relationship breakdown being restricted due to inadequate bedroom allocations.

The principle of parents with access arrangements to children living full time with another parent was discussed at great length. Councillor Harrington was of the view that the Council's existing policy whereby responsibility was not accepted for providing a second home for children was discriminatory, it led to value and self esteem problems for children and effectively denied many fathers from adequately parenting their children. Other members of the Panel acknowledged this difficulty but were of the view that there was insufficient accommodation available to provide children with a second home, bearing in mind the numbers of other families who were housed in temporary and bed and breakfast accommodation, waiting to be successful. The circumstances were dependant on the frequency of access arrangements and officers were asked to consider measures which might be possible to assist in circumstances whereby access arrangements were on a shared equally or nearly shared equally basis.



The Panel gave particular consideration to the following issues:-

- The recently announced levels of redundancies, both voluntary and compulsory, from Colchester Garrison and the government's direction that additional Housing Allocation preference must be awarded to former members of the Armed Services;
- The benefits of retaining the Choice Based Approach in terms of flexibility for tenants to move around the region, especially given the higher levels of need in Colchester compared to other authorities in the scheme;
- The need for the introduction of a more sophisticated / interactive online registration process to provide for automated information being provided to applicants as part of the registration process;
- The particular issue of young people who fall into arrears through difficulties in retaining or securing permanent employment;
- The financial difficulties as a result of the housing benefit changes to come into effect in April 2013 leading to benefit reductions where accommodation is deemed too large for household requirements;
- The potential impact on bedroom allocations for families experiencing the earlier onset of puberty, in some instances even as early as 9 years old for some younger people;
- The inability of potential foster parents to seek consideration to act as a foster parent without the required additional bedroom.

*RECOMMENDED* to the Cabinet that the following comments from the Policy Review and Development Panel on the proposed changes be taken into account when the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Community Safety approves the final changes to the Council's Housing Allocation Policy:

(i) That existing arrangements be retained in respect of the following policy areas:

- The operation of a sub-regional Choice Based Lettings system;
- An open register policy, excluding only those people who are not eligible or with a record of serious misconduct;
- Registering but reducing the preference of people with poor tenancy histories;
- Reducing the banding of people from outside Colchester with no local connection;
- Allowing free movement, assuming a balance between inward and outward migration;
- Giving all overcrowded applicants the same priority and use welfare awards in extreme cases;
- Giving higher priority for overcrowding to social housing tenants;
- Allowing under occupiers to bid on one bedroom more than they need when downsizing;
- Giving bedroom entitlement only to those who have children living with them permanently;
- Awarding additional preference on medical or welfare grounds only.

(ii) That in respect of overcrowding, to increase the age limit for a girl and a boy

sharing to when the eldest child reaches 8 years old, with any housing benefit gap being met by the tenant;

(iii) That in respect of children of the same sex, they should share a bedroom but when the eldest reaches 16 years old, in special circumstances such as welfare reasons, consideration may be given to an additional bedroom;

(iv) That the Head of Life Opportunities be requested to investigate measures which might be possible to assist parents with access arrangements where these are on a shared equally or nearly shared equally basis;

(v) That in respect of the expressions of interest in homes, customers be given unlimited choice but, once housed, customers be prevented from re-joining the register for a period of 12 months.

## **16. Work Programme 2011/12**

The Panel considered a report by the Head of Corporate Management giving details of the scheduling in the Panel's work programme for the year.

The report provided an update on the current situation regarding the four Task and Finish Groups. In particular, the Waste and Recycling Task and Finish Group had recently met again to begin the assessment of the results of the Food Waste Trial and the Magistrates' Courts Task and Finish Group had been reconvened to oversee the implementation of the proposals from Council to test the market regarding the future uses of the Magistrates' Courts, Old Library and other surplus space in the Town Hall.

The Panel members were concerned that, notwithstanding the progress made on the whole by the Task and Finish Groups, two meetings of the Policy Review and Development Panel had been cancelled during the year. The members were of the view that they had undertaken some valuable work, particularly in relation to innovative proposals for the lighting of the town centre and the Public Realm Strategy and it would also be worthwhile to revisit the Gypsy and Traveller Policy at the appropriate time.

The Panel was reminded that more recently its remit had been changed by the Cabinet from a scrutiny panel to one effectively undertaking work on behalf of the Cabinet and the Cabinet members.

*RESOLVED* that the contents of the work programme and the current situation regarding the various Task and Finish Groups be noted.

*RECOMMENDED TO CABINET* that consideration be given to the work of the Policy Review and Development Panel, including its relationship with the various Task and Finish Groups, with a view to a more proactive role in policy related matters being assigned to the Policy Review and Development Panel.

**POLICY REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT PANEL  
23 MAY 2012**

*Present :-* Councillor Julie Young (Chairman)  
Councillors Mark Cable, Nigel Chapman, Barrie Cook,  
Margaret Fairley-Crowe and Jo Hayes

*Substitute Member :-* Councillor Ray Gamble for Councillor Mark Cory

**1. Appointment of Chairman**

RESOLVED that Councillor Julie Young be appointed Chairman for the forthcoming Municipal Year.

**2. Appointment of Deputy Chairman**

RESOLVED that Councillor Mark Cory be appointed Deputy Chairman for the forthcoming Municipal Year.

18 June 2012

<b>Report of</b>	<b>Head of Corporate Management</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Amanda Chidgey</b>
<b>Title</b>	<b>Work Programme 2012/13</b>		<b>☎ 282227</b>
<b>Wards affected</b>	Not applicable		

This report sets out the current Work Programme 2012/2013 for the Policy Review and Development Panel.

## 1. Decisions Required

1.1 The Policy Review and Development Panel is asked to:

- (i) Note the current situation regarding the various Task and Finish Groups;
- (ii) Note the provisional scheduling of initiatives and reviews already identified by the Cabinet;
- (iii) Consider additional issues for review, requiring the support of the Cabinet to their inclusion in the panel's work programme for the year.

## 2. Alternative options

2.1 This function forms part of the Panel's Terms of Reference and, as such, no alternative options are presented.

## 3. Introduction

3.1 The terms of reference for the Panel involve reviewing and making recommendations on strategies and policies at the request of the Cabinet or a portfolio holder and making recommendations back to Cabinet for decision. In addition the panel can proactively identify issues requiring review and, accordingly, seek Cabinet's agreement as to whether and how they should be examined.

3.2 The Panel's work programme will evolve as the Municipal Year progresses and items of business are commenced and concluded.

3.3 In accordance with usual arrangements, Cabinet members and Heads of Service are asked to look at likely policy areas that would need to come to the Panel as part of their review or development. Any recommendations which come forward are reported to the Panel for consideration.

## 4. Supporting Information

4.1 By the end of the last Municipal Year the Policy Review and Development Panel had completed a number of policy reviews, during the course of which members had received presentations and concluded detailed discussions on some interesting and stimulating subjects.

- 4.2 The work programme for 2012-13, attached to this report, identifies specific reviews and initiatives previously scheduled by the panel or already requested by the Cabinet. The meeting in August already has a 'Localism' theme attached to it. The panel could consider continuing with this approach for the September meeting by focussing on an 'Encouraging Enterprise' theme.
- 4.3 Later in the year there may be an opportunity to use techniques that have worked well for the Panel in the past to encourage added participation and discussion. Invitations to attend these meetings later in the year could be extended to representatives from stakeholder groups. With this in mind, perhaps the Panel could seek the support of the Cabinet to holding a themed meeting on 'Town' related issues, followed by a later themed meeting on 'Rural' issues. Issues for consideration could be Better Town Centre, the Business Improvement District and access to faster broadband.

## 5. Task and Finish Groups

- 5.1 The Panel's terms of reference provides for the review of policy either directly by the Panel or by establishing Task and Finish Groups of, say six councillors nominated by the political groups to meet separately and to report on findings within a specified period of time.
- 5.2 In this instance, the Panel's role is to monitor progress and assess final reports prior to their submission to the Cabinet or the Portfolio Holder.
- 5.3 The current situation regarding each of the Task and Finish Groups is set out below. Councillor Julie Young, in her capacity as Chairman of the Waste Prevention and Recycling Options Appraisal Task and Finish Group has indicated her willingness to update the Panel on any further issues of detail. In addition, Councillors Frame and L Sykes in their respective capacities as Chairmen of the Future of the Magistrates' Courts Task and Finish Group and the Older Persons Accommodation Task and Finish Group have accepted invitations to attend the meeting to do likewise in respect of these Task and Finish Groups.

### TASK AND FINISH GROUPS

#### Waste Prevention and Recycling Options Appraisal

<b>Members</b>	Nick Cope Mark Cory Andrew Ellis Beverley Oxford Dennis Willetts Julie Young
<b>Chairman</b>	Julie Young
<b>Purpose</b>	This Task and Finish Group was set up to aid the Portfolio Holder for Street and Waste in considering the reduction of the amount of residual waste going to landfill. The Group needed to have particular regard to the types and frequency of materials collected and the issues around the collection of food waste with an emphasis on monitoring the food waste trial agreed in certain areas of the Borough. The Group also needed to consider the types and methods of waste collection services being offered in other similar waste collection

	<p>authority areas and the levels of recycling performance being achieved. Following the consultation in 2010 it was agreed that the Task and Finish Group's work would continue concentrating on two streams in particular:</p> <p><b>Food waste collection</b> – to further explore the benefits of food waste collection and to monitor the one-year trial agreed by the Portfolio Holder for Street and Waste commencing in November 2011 in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mile End and Tiptree: route 4 and 1 collected on Tuesday</li> <li>• Greenstead: route 4 collected on Wednesday</li> <li>• Fingringhoe and Abberton: route 10 collected on Thursday</li> <li>• Stanway: route 1 collected on Friday</li> </ul> <p>However to ensure that the target of 7,000 households participating was achieved some properties in adjoining wards to those listed were added. The first half of the trial would include weekly residual waste collections but the second six months residual collections would be fortnightly.</p> <p><b>Strongly encourage participation</b> – investigating methods to encourage further participation in recycling including looking at experience elsewhere from the use of incentives, enforcement and different collection methods.</p> <p>The Group held three meetings in late 2011 and early 2012 but agreed to suspend their deliberations in particular in relation to weekly collections pending the conclusion of the food waste trial in October 2012.</p>
<b>Lead Officers</b>	Matthew Young and Paul English
<b>Start Date</b>	16 August 2011
<b>End Date</b>	To be confirmed
<b>Meetings schedule</b>	16 August, 14 September 2011 and 23 February 2012

### Older Persons Accommodation

<b>Members</b>	<p>Margaret Kimberley  Sonia Lewis  Mike Lilley  Colin Mudie  Beverley Oxford  Laura Sykes</p>
<b>Chairman</b>	Laura Sykes
<b>Purpose</b>	<p>To undertake a comprehensive review of the issues relating to accommodation for older people in order to assist in the determination of a Strategy and action plan which will assist older people in Colchester find housing solutions which meet their needs.</p> <p>To fulfil it's remit, it is anticipated that the Task and Finish Group would need to consider a number of particular topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What do we know about need, demand and current provision and what are the gaps? (Developing our evidence base)</li> <li>• What do we know about need, demand and future provision and what are the gaps? (Developing our evidence base)</li> <li>• What are the key national and local policy drivers?</li> <li>• What do older people want and what do they think of current</li> </ul>

	<p>provision? What does the next generation of older people want?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What should the Council's key strategic objectives be for its strategy?</li> <li>• What actions should be undertaken to meet these objectives?</li> <li>• What resources are available?</li> </ul> <p>The review would be conducted during the course of one or more meetings, as necessary, with a view to the final outcomes being reported to the Policy Review and Development Panel for discussion and consideration.</p> <p>The recommendations of the Policy Review and Development Panel would be the subject of a report to the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Community Safety, if preferred by the Portfolio Holder, the Cabinet.</p> <p>The Group last met formally in January 2012. In the interim the members have conducted visits to Meadow Park in Braintree, Wenham View at Capel St Mary, Balkerne Gardens Trust and the Winnocks and Kendall's Almshouses as well as Elfreda and Walnut Tree Houses. In addition a draft Older Persons Accommodation Strategy has been considered by the Group. The Strategy is due to be sent to the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Community Safety following which it will be circulated for consultation to stakeholders and other groups.</p> <p>The Task and Finish Group will then need to consider any representations and formulate recommendations on the Strategy for consideration by this Panel.</p>
<b>Lead Officers</b>	Tina Hinson and Karen Paton
<b>Start Date</b>	11 July 2011
<b>End Date</b>	Recommendations on the Strategy to be agreed at the Policy Review and Development Panel on 10 September 2012
<b>Meetings schedule</b>	11 July, 12 September, 17 October, 13 December 2011 and 17 January 2012

### Future of the Magistrates' Courts

<b>Members</b>	Beverly Davies Bill Frame Gerard Oxford Terry Sutton Laura Sykes Julie Young
<b>Chairman</b>	Bill Frame
<b>Purpose</b>	<p>Following work undertaken by the Task and Finish Group from July to November 2011 looking into the various options for the future use and income opportunities for the whole of the Town Hall, final recommendations were submitted to Cabinet and Council for consideration.</p> <p>At the Council meeting on 8 December 2011, the following Motion was approved unanimously:</p> <p>"(a) It is the wish of Council that the Town Hall be retained as the Civic Centre of the Borough. Within the Town Hall the Council Chamber, the Moot Hall, the Principal meeting rooms, the Mayor's Parlour and suitable accommodation for the day-to-day work of the Cabinet and Borough Councillors should remain within the control of the Council. But Council also encourages Cabinet to make the main civic rooms available for</p>

	<p>public use on a secondary basis, in so far as it is practicable.</p> <p>(b) It is encouraged to test the market in regard to future uses of the Magistrates' Courts when they revert to the Borough Council, along with the Old Library and any other surplus space in the Town Hall, but should note that future uses should be sympathetic with the purpose and dignity of the Town Hall as the Borough's Civic Centre."</p> <p>At the Cabinet meeting on 25 January 2012, following consideration of the above Motion, it was agreed that the Task and Finish Group on the Future Use of the Magistrates' Courts be reconvened to oversee the implementation of the proposals and to take the final recommendation to Council.</p> <p>The Group has appointed an agent and are awaiting the results of the marketing exercise, with a further meeting planned for 20 June 2012. Recommendations will be reported to Council at its meeting in July 2012 with the final decision then being taken by the relevant portfolio holder.</p>
<b>Lead Officer</b>	Ann Hedges
<b>Start Date</b>	7 July 2011
<b>End Date</b>	July 2012
<b>Meetings schedule</b>	7 July, 4 August, 8 September, 15 October 2011 15 February and 26 March 2012

## 20 mph speed limit

<b>Members</b>	No members appointed in 2012-13
<b>Chairman</b>	Stephen Ford
<b>Purpose</b>	<p>The Task and Finish Group had been formed to look into the introduction of 20 mph speed limits in the Borough.</p> <p>The Group submitted its findings to the Panel in September 2010 when discussions had recently taken place with officers from Essex County Council on 20mph limits. It had not appeared to be an Essex County Council priority, especially on an area wide basis. Instead, where communities were keen to see 20mph introduced their requests would have to be considered through the "localism" agenda. The interpretation of Essex County Council's strategy was that unless the average speeds were low already (around 20mph) then signed only limits, as implemented in Portsmouth, Oxford and other towns and cities, would not be introduced unless supporting physical speed reduction measures were deliverable and affordable.</p> <p>Ministerial statements from the Government indicated that they would encourage greater use of 20mph limits for safety and the promotion of walking and cycling.</p> <p>It had therefore been proposed that the Task and Finish Group should retain a role in developing the strategy for Colchester. However this work could not start until further lobbying of Essex County Council had been undertaken. An outline engagement and consultation plan had been developed by the Group but it was not intended to proceed with delivering this as it would raise public expectations prior to Essex County Council giving clear indication of support for the delivery of 20mph limits.</p> <p>Throughout 2011-12 efforts were made to encourage the Essex County Council portfolio holder to indicate support for 20 mph limits and to attend a meeting of the Panel but none of these approaches proved to</p>



	be successful. Accordingly no further appointments were made to the Group for the 2012-13 Municipal Year.
<b>Lead Officer</b>	Paul Wilkinson
<b>Start Date</b>	End of 2008 / start of 2009
<b>End Date</b>	Final report submitted to Cabinet 20 October 2010

## 6. Strategic Plan References

- 6.1 The Council recognises that effective local government relies on establishing and maintaining the public's confidence, and that setting high standards of self governance provides a clear and demonstrable lead. Effective governance, of which the review and development of policy are parts, underpins the implementation and application of all aspects of the Council's work.

## 7. Standard References

- 7.1 There are no particular references to publicity or consultation considerations; or financial; equality, diversity and human rights; community safety; health and safety or risk management implications.

**Policy Review and Development Panel  
WORK PROGRAMME 2012/13**

	<u>18 June 2012</u>		<u>6 August 2012</u>	<u>10 September 2012</u>
Policy Initiatives			Localising Council Tax // Support from Government – Initial Outline of Options Councillor Locality Budgets	Economic Development Strategy 2010-2015
Review of Corporate Policies				Older Persons' Accommodation Task and Finish Group //Final Recommendations
Task and Finish Groups				

	<u>5 November 2012</u>		<u>14 January 2013</u>	<u>25 February 2013</u>
Policy Initiatives				
Review of Corporate Policies	Equality and Diversity // Annual Report			
Task and Finish Groups	Waste Prevention and Recycling Options Appraisal // Final Recommendations			

<b>Task and Finish Groups</b>	<b>Membership 2012-13</b>
Future of the Magistrates' Courts	Councillors Davies, Frame, G. Oxford, Sutton, L. Sykes J. Young
Waste Prevention and Recycling Options Appraisal	Councillors Cope, Cory, Ellis, B. Oxford, Willetts and J Young
Older Persons Accommodation	Councillors Kimberley, Lewis, Lilley, Mudie, B Oxford and L Sykes

