

 Brent	<p style="text-align: center;">Cabinet 16 January 2017</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Report from the Director of Policy, Performance and Partnerships</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Wards affected: ALL</p>	
<p>Recommendations from Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee: New Accommodation for Independent Living Project</p>	

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out the recommendations to Cabinet agreed by the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee at a meeting on 20 September 2016.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 Cabinet is asked to note the recommendations as set out in Appendix A.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 On 20 September the committee received a report from the Strategic Director Community Wellbeing and the Operational Director Social Care, updating members on the New Accommodation for Independent Living (NAIL) project.
- 3.2 The committee heard that NAIL was the largest and most strategically important efficiency and quality improvement initiative within the Adult Social Care Department, and that it aimed to identify, develop and acquire alternative forms of care to residential care for all vulnerable adult client groups in the borough. The project had been active for two years and the report before the committee outlined areas of learning, detailed mitigating actions taken and progress so far.
- 3.3 Before the scrutiny committee meeting, members of the committee visited accommodation in Wembley which had been provided as part of the project.
- 3.4 Supported Living offered varied from small units providing a high level of support to larger units where a sense of community was an important factor. The former model was considered more appropriate for those with learning

disabilities and the latter for older people. The level of need of the mental health client group varied and therefore a mixture of provision was appropriate. So far the council had been more successful at creating provision for younger people.

- 3.5 Members asked what work was being done with Brent Housing Partnership (BHP) to provide appropriate sites for the New Accommodation for Independent Living, and it was clarified that that two sites in development belonged to BHP.
- 3.6 The committee was told that outcomes for people going into residential care were not as good as for those who remained in their own communities and the project sought to address this by supporting people in an independent living setting, allowing them to remain in a home of their own, or in a community. It was emphasised that Independent living was not a prescriptive model of service design and could be different according to levels of care and support needs.
- 3.7 In terms of people with mental health needs, the committee members heard that a big challenge for this group was that housing need should be seen as pathway and while successes could be achieved in supported living, there remained difficulties in securing long term stable tenancies in the community.

Background Papers

'Update on New Accommodation for Independent Living' report to Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee, 20 September 2016

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APPENDIX A

New Accommodation for Independent Living Recommendations

1. A review of the New Accommodation for Independent Living (NAIL) project be presented to the committee in a year's time detailing lessons learnt and actions required for further progression.
2. Work be undertaken to explore issues of affordability for those moving into the units, including the impact of taking up employment and more broadly, difficulties caused for those who do not receive a suitable supported offer.