

SCRUTINY INITIATION DOCUMENT (SID)

Title of review:

Adult Social Care Accommodation.

Scrutiny Committee:

Health, Wellbeing and Adult Social Care

Director leading the review:

John Everson, Director of Adult Social Care

Lead officers:

Jodi Pilling – Director of Strategic Commissioning and Investment
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Overall aim of the review:

To ensure the right accommodation at the right time, to enable residents who draw on adult social care to live independent, healthy lives and that delivers best value for money.

Objectives of the review:

- To review the current and future accommodation needs of Islington residents, the long-term plan for ensuring their needs are met in suitable properties, and the challenges and opportunities associated with delivering this in a sustainable way.
- To consider the processes in place that ensure that people's accommodation needs are identified and met, to assess if these are effective, and to make recommendations for improvement.
- To assess how the council works in partnership with housing and care providers to influence the market, and to consider opportunities to increase capacity in the local care system.
- To consider demographic factors impacting on care accommodation, to review any barriers to access, and to consider other relevant equalities implications associated with access to care accommodation.

How does this review contribute to the Council's priorities?

This review will contribute to the following missions to create a more equal future for Islington by 2030:

- **Fairer Together:** Working with the community to tackle inequality through high quality early intervention and prevention.
- **A safe place to call home:** Everyone in Islington has a safe, decent and genuinely affordable place to call home.
- **Greener, healthier Islington:** People in Islington can live healthy and independent lives and enjoy London's greenest, cleanest and healthiest neighbourhoods.

Scope of the review and evidence to be received:

The review will focus on...

- **Adult Social Care strategic context**
The vision of the service in relation to delivering accommodation-based provision.
- **Needs assessment – current and future needs**
 - The accommodation needs of residents who draw on adult social care
 - The projected future demand and changing needs
- **Enablers that support people to access the right support, in the right place at the right time – supporting to remain living independently at home for as long as possible**
 - Developments in general needs housing
 - Process for re-allocating void properties that have been adapted to meet specific needs
- **Current market provision including the current challenges, across Islington, London, and nationally**
 - Different types of accommodation
 - Market for care and support providers
 - Landlord/property availability
- **Opportunities to address these challenges, ensuring best value for money and optimum outcomes for residents**
 - Actions to ensure a sustainable market
 - Communicating our commissioning intentions
 - Engagement with providers, influencing providers we don't commission (e.g. housing associations)
 - How to maximise use and potential of existing capacity
 - Use of technology
 - Co-production in developing services so they are more enabling and responsive
 - Opportunities for reconfiguring services to meet changing needs
 - Opportunities to develop new capacity
 - New developments underway and planned
 - Governance that will support prioritisation of council assets – e.g. Strategic Asset Management Plan and related governance
 - Innovation – exploring new models of accommodation-based services
 - Sub-regional market management and market development, including shared design specifications across North Central London.

The Committee will receive the following evidence:

Meeting 1 – 16 September

- SID to be agreed
- Introductory presentation – Director of Strategic Commissioning and Investment, Adult Social Care

Meeting 2 – 15 October - Planning for future provision

- Islington’s Strategic Asset Management Plan
- The role of Corporate Landlord, Planning Policy and section 106

Meeting 3 – 11 November – General Needs Housing Services

- Evidence from Islington’s Housing Services
- Evidence from a local housing association

Meeting 4 – 17 December – Specialist Housing Services

- Evidence on the range of accommodation options to meet different needs
- Evidence from a care provider on co-production and on delivering culturally appropriate accommodation and support

Meeting 5 - 4 February 2025 – Innovation in accommodation-based services

- Technological advances to promote independence and resident wellbeing
- Evidence from Housing Learning and Improvement Network on good practice and innovation in the sector

Details of any visits

- **Visit to Live Smart accommodation for older people:** reviewing the accommodation, speaking to staff about their work and the challenges they face;
- **Visit a selection of accommodation services which may include an older people’s extra care housing scheme, shared lives scheme and learning disability and mental health accommodation services:** reviewing the accommodation, speaking to residents about what matters to them in accommodation-based services and staff about their work and the challenges they face;
- **Visit to a care home:** reviewing the accommodation, speaking to staff about their work and the challenges they face;

Detail any written evidence –

- ASC Accommodation Needs Assessment
- Reports, data as requested by the committee throughout the scrutiny process

Review timetable (list specific meeting dates if possible)

1. SID to be agreed: 16 September 2024
2. Witness evidence to be received: September 2024 – February 2025
3. Draft recommendations to be considered: 20th March 2025
4. Report to be approved: 29th April 2025
5. Report to be submitted to Executive: June 2025 TBC
6. Provisional date for Executive response: September 2025
7. Provisional date for 12 month update report back to the Committee: September 2026

Additional information:

In carrying out the review the committee will consider equalities implications and resident impacts identified by witnesses. The Executive is required to have due regard to these, and any other relevant implications, when responding to the review recommendations.