

DRUG AND ALCOHOL TREATMENT PROTOCOL

Report of the Director of Derby Homes

SUMMARY OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to inform members of the development of a Drug and Alcohol Treatment Protocol which will allow support to existing tenants and access to accommodation to people who are receiving treatment and support for alcohol and drug addiction. This protocol has been jointly developed by Derby Homes, Drugs and Alcohol Action Team (DAAT), Addaction and will be recommended for adoption by the RSLs.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. That committee approve the implementation of the protocol.

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 Many tenancies fail because of alcohol/drug misuse problems.
- 3.2 Many people with alcohol/drug misuse problems have serious difficulty accessing housing which exacerbates the problem.
- 3.3 This protocol allows the provision of support to existing tenants to sustain their tenancy and also allows access to people with alcohol/drug misuse problems to access suitable accommodation which is crucial to the success of treatment/support.

CONSULTATION IMPLICATIONS

4. None resulting directly from this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. None resulting directly from this report.

LEGAL AND CONFIDENTIALITY IMPLICATIONS

6. Derby Homes may have a legal obligation under changes to homelessness legislation for young single people being released from prison some of whom will have alcohol/drug misuse problems which affect the sustainability of their tenancies.

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

7. None resulting directly from this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

8. None resulting directly from this report.

EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

9. This proposal will improve access to support treatment and appropriate accommodation for people with alcohol and drugs misuse problems. This proposal will also positively impact on drug related crime and fear of crime.

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