

Appendix C – Partnership Scrutiny on 19th December 2013

The following key points from the discussion:

The Committee:

- welcomed the clarity on the definition of local connection. However, concerns were raised with respect to potential future pressures on social care budgets if a disproportionately high rate of elderly/disabled tenants from outside the county access pensioner/sheltered housing accommodation in the county on the basis of family association/support connection. The Committee felt that trends required close monitoring in order to identify potential pressures
- welcomed the fact that the Policy will be reviewed on an annual basis
- endorsed the ‘Guiding Principles’ as outlined in the draft CAP. However, the Committee is keen that its concerns, with respect to certain registered social landlords’ (RSLs) lack of commitment to property maintenance which has resulted in certain areas of the county suffering from poor quality housing, be noted. Whilst it acknowledges that the majority of elected members’ concerns may well be addressed through the provisions of the new Housing Bill the Committee did request that every effort is made via the Policy’s Steering Group to ensure that all RSLs operating in Denbighshire undertake to maintain their properties to the required standards and conform to Welsh Housing Quality Standards (WHQS) in order to safeguard tenants
- asked that details of all consultations that have taken place within Denbighshire (particularly during 2013) and with the public and stakeholders be incorporated into the report to Cabinet
- asked that the report to Cabinet also include details of each partner’s financial contribution towards the IT solution project to support the Policy and that the IT project will be tailored to keep within the budget allocation and will be fully evaluated and presented to members prior to its purchase