

# Adult Social Care Scrutiny Commission

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## **Elderly Persons' Homes**

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## Useful information

- Ward(s) affected: Evington, Charnwood, and Thurncourt
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### 1. Summary

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Adult Social Care Scrutiny Commission with an update on the progress to sell and close the Council's Elderly Persons Home.

### 2. Recommendations

2.1 The Adult Social Care Scrutiny Commission are recommended to note the contents of this report.

### 3. Report

3.1 Members of the Scrutiny Commission will be aware that a decision was made in October 2013 to sell and close the homes in two phases.

#### Phase I 2014/15

Abbey House	Sale as going concern
Cooper House	Sale as going concern
Elizabeth House	Close
Nuffield House	Close
Herrick Lodge	Close

3.2 Elizabeth House and Nuffield House were closed in 2014 and an evaluation of the closure and rehousing of the residents was presented to the Adult Social Care Scrutiny Commission on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2014. A copy of the evaluation is attached at appendix 1.

3.3 It was not possible to close Herrick Lodge during 2014, due to a legal challenge. However, permission was given by the court to proceed on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2015. There are currently 4 residents living at Herrick Lodge and they were advised (along with their families/carers) on the 9<sup>th</sup> February 2015 that the Council will be progressing with the closure of the home. Staff and their union representatives were also advised of the situation on the same day.

3.4 The Council will implement the same 7 Step Moving Plan that was used to move the residents from Elizabeth House and Nuffield House. This includes an assessment of the residents needs and these assessments will begin week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2015 and the home will close when the existing residents have been moved to alternative accommodation.

3.5 Abbey House and Cooper House have both been sold to Leicestershire County Care Ltd (LCCL) and the homes transferred on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2015.

- 3.6 A lessons learnt exercise was undertaken following the sale to homes to understand what could have been done differently in terms of the procurement exercise. This is attached at appendix 2. This will be used to improve the sale process for Arbor House and Thurn Court.
- 3.7 The Council will also monitor the delivery of care delivered by LCCL, which will include contract monitoring visits, Care Quality Commission inspection reports, complaints and family feedback. Payment for the homes will also be monitored, although they have until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 to make full payment. The unions have also agreed to provide feedback relating to any concerns about the Council staff who were subject to TUPE.
- 3.8 Arbor House and Thurn Court were advertised for sale on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2015. Residents and their families/carers were advised on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2015, that the homes had been advertised for sale. Staff and their union representatives were also advised of the situation on the same day.
- 3.9 The closure of Preston Lodge will be considered in due course, as this is linked to the development of the Intermediate Care Unit.

#### **4. Financial, legal and other implications**

##### 4.1 Financial implications

###### 4.1.1 Revenue Implications

Abbey, Cooper, Elizabeth and Nuffield are no longer run by the Council and savings of £1.7m per annum are being made as a consequence. Partly due to low occupancy the current weekly cost to the Council of having Herrick Lodge open is £14.2k per week (equivalent to £738k per annum).

###### 4.1.2 Capital Implications

The Council received a capital receipt of £2.045m for the sale of Elizabeth and Nuffield. It will receive a further £475k in 2017/18 at the latest for the sale of Abbey and Cooper and there will be a further capital receipt for Herrick Lodge. The Council will also benefit through not having to pay out capital sums for the maintenance of these five buildings.

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##### 4.2 Legal implications

##### 4.3 Climate Change and Carbon Reduction implications

#### 4.4 Equalities Implications

#### 4.5 Other Implications (You will need to have considered other implications in preparing this report. Please indicate which ones apply?)

#### **5. Background information and other papers:**

#### **6. Summary of appendices:**

Appendix 1 – Evaluation of the closure of Elizabeth House and Nuffield House

Appendix 2 – Lesson's learnt review of the sale of Abbey House and Cooper House