

CABINET - 22 OCTOBER 2019**AGENDA ITEM 5 - REQUEST FOR AN ADDITION TO THE 2019/20
CAPITAL PROGRAMME FOR THE SOCIAL CARE
ACCOMMODATION DEVELOPMENT PLAN****COMMENTS FROM DR. TERRI EYNON CC**

Dear Jon,

I would be grateful if you could convey my comments as Local Member to the Cabinet (Tuesday 22nd October) regarding the "Request for An Addition to the 2019/20 Capital Programme for the Social Care Accommodation Development Plan". My comments relate largely to the proposal to develop a specialist dementia facility at Workspace 17, Highfield Street.

I am generally supportive of the proposal to invest capital in projects that not only raise revenue but also assist the authority in its primary responsibility to facilitate social care. I am supportive of the Council making use of its own surplus brown-field sites for social care accommodation.

It is disappointing that, anticipating revenue from a small housing development, Workspace 17 was demolished and left derelict. I am pleased that a use for this land is now to be found as a specialist dementia unit. I understand the aim is to support individuals with dementia to maintain their independence. The site is reasonably close to the town centre and other community facilities which may assist in this endeavour.

When procuring Strategic Landlord Partner to undertake the housing management function for this and other developments, I hope this authority will give consideration to working with North West Leicestershire District Council's Housing Team. There is an opportunity here for a stronger relationship between Social Care and Housing in anticipation of future Unitary Status.

Kind Regards

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