

# TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

## STRATEGIC HOUSING ADVISORY BOARD

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### Report of the Director of Planning, Housing and Environmental Health

#### Part 1- Public

#### Matters for Information

#### **1 FRAMEWORK FOR THE DELIVERY OF OLDER PERSONS ACCOMMODATION IN KENT**

##### **Summary**

**This report alerts Members to the new Framework document “Better Homes: housing for the third age” launched in March this year.**

- 1.1.1 Kent Housing Group (KHG) have launched a new Framework called “Better homes: housing for the third age. A Framework for delivering older people’s accommodation across Kent and Medway”. The need for the document arises from the fact that the number of people aged over 50 is rising, putting significant demands on housing and services across Kent. The housing needs for an individual can change greatly as they grow older and there is the need to ensure that people have the opportunity to choose to access to the right accommodation at the right time, a process the Framework seeks to assist.
- 1.1.2 The aim of the Framework is to encourage a consistent and positive approach to the development of older people’s accommodation across Kent and to the delivery of housing information, advice and guidance services for older people. It is intended to be used by a wide range of stakeholders involved in the provision of older people’s accommodation including local housing and planning authorities, care providers, health authorities, adult social services, private and public sector developers, Parish Councils, landowners and local communities.
- 1.1.3 The Framework has involved input from the Council’s officers and follows on from on research into older people’s housing needs and aspirations carried out by the Social Innovation Lab for Kent (Silk) and DTZ for Kent, following recommendations within the Kent Forum Housing Strategy.
- 1.1.4 Officers believe the Framework to be a useful document that provides much needed additional clarity in a complex area of housing provision. It is attached as **[Annex 1]** Older Persons Housing Protocol.

#### **1.2 Legal Implications**

- 1.2.1 None associated with this report.

**1.3 Financial and Value for Money Considerations**

1.3.1 None associated with this report.

**1.4 Risk Assessment**

1.4.1 None associated with this report.

Background papers:

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Nil

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