



Vale of Glamorgan Council

Draft Older Person's Housing Strategy



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Approach used to develop this strategy

- A review and update of the accommodation needs of older people in the Vale
- A review of national best practice
- Focus groups of internal Council staff and staff from partner organisations and agencies
- Input from the Council's over 50s forum,
- Visits to Council sheltered housing schemes, interviews with Sheltered scheme coordinators and interviews with older people.

Vision and intentions

To secure the best quality of life for older people to live as independently as possible in later life. This means delivering a range of accommodation that enables older people to live fulfilling lives and enjoy good health in attractive homes that meet their needs and allow them to retain their independence as they age

How the vision
will be achieved

- Supporting older people to stay living well in their existing homes
- Enabling older people to move to housing better suited to their needs in later life
- Promoting community connections and housing diversity
- Integrating health and social care



Actions

- To review its sheltered housing services, including consultation with residents, to ensure that the council's provision of housing services for older people reflects contemporary standards that will be attractive to existing and future residents. The council will encourage local RSLs to review their sheltered housing services.
- To enable the development of new contemporary housing suited to older people and additional extra care housing in all three localities in the Vale.
- To proceed to develop a retirement village/care village in Penarth.
- To use planning policy to encourage private and social housing providers to develop a range of mainstream housing that is suited and attractive to older people.
- To work with RSLs and private house builders to develop a supply of new adapted, accessible and purpose built homes which can meet the needs of older people, including a range of tenure options.

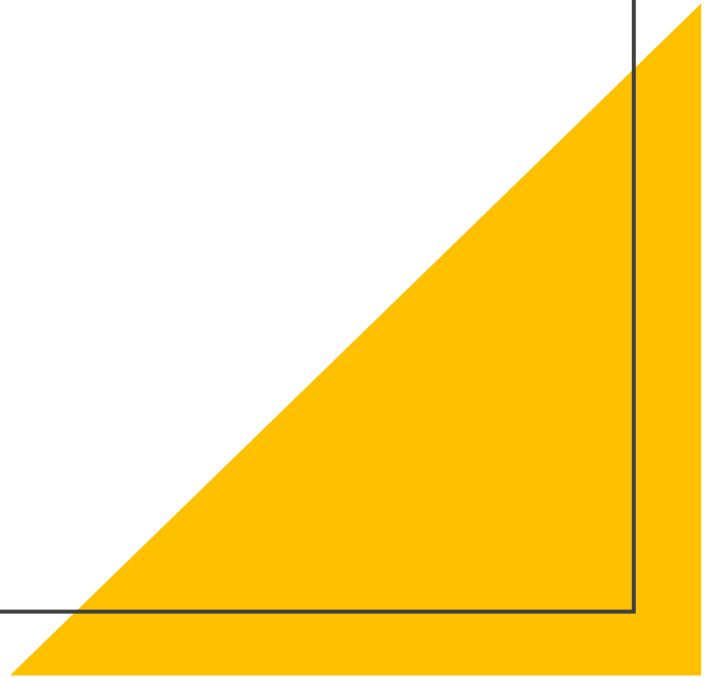


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- To consider how to expand housing options information and advice services aimed at older people.
- To consider how it can increase the number of older people who can be supported to make adaptations to their existing homes to help to maintain their independence.
- To work with its RSL partners consider options for developing community led housing aimed at older people.
- To take the opportunity of the 2025 digital switchover to enhance the range of telecare options available to older people, both inside and outside of their home by utilising a wider range of digital equipment.
- To make further use of assistive digital technology to provide support to enable people to remain independent in their homes
- To seek to develop the role of housing in supporting hospital discharge where the location is appropriate. As part of this approach the Council with its NHS partners will review the use of the current step-down units at the sheltered housing scheme in Cowbridge.



Questions and
discussion





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