

**REPORT TO:** Health and Wellbeing Board

**DATE:** 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Director Customer Experience, Halton Housing

**PORTFOLIO:** Health and Wellbeing

**SUBJECT:** Halton Housing Support

**WARD(S)** Borough Wide

**1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 The purpose of the report is to provide the Halton Health & Wellbeing Board with an update on how Halton Housing support the housing and broader health needs of older people in the borough.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the report be noted.**

**3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 Over 32% of Halton Borough's population is aged 55 or older, with the number of people aged 65 and over rising faster than any other population group.

3.2 Halton housing recognises the importance of housing in providing support and care for older people. We are committed to helping older people live independently for as long as possible and working in partnership to ensure that older people have the right support in place to suit their needs.

3.3 Just under 30% of Halton Housing homes have at least one person living there that is aged 65 or over. 93% of our customers aged 65 or over live in general needs housing and 7% in housing with support in place.

3.4 Halton housing do a range of things to support the housing and broader health needs of older customers and the presentation details:

- Aids and adaptations
- Housing with support schemes
- Safeguarding
- Partnership working
- Social / Community events
- Welfare Benefits & Money Advice
- Cost of living support

4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

None

5.0 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

None

6.0 **IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

6.1 **Children & Young People in Halton**

None

6.2 **Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton**

None

6.3 **A Healthy Halton**

Halton Housing support the Council's priorities for a Healthy Halton. We provide older people an affordable, safe, and comfortable place to live. Supporting them to live as independently as possible in their own homes wherever possible, providing aids and adaptations to achieve this where necessary. We provide housing with support for those that need it the most. Working closely with social care providers to ensure our customers receive the appropriate level of support and care for their needs. We also lead on initiatives to tackle social issues such as loneliness.

6.4 **A Safer Halton**

Halton Housing supports the Council's priority to create a Safer Halton. We are well placed to identify care and support needs and identify vulnerable adults that may be at risk working closely with adult social care and other agencies to keep our elderly customers safe.

6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal**

None

7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 None identified.

8.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 None identified.

9.0 **CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 None identified.

10.0 **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF  
THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

None under the meaning of the Act.

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