

Minutes of **Overview and Scrutiny Task Group - Select Move 2021**

Meeting date **Thursday, 6 January 2022**

Members present: Councillor June Molyneaux (Chair), Councillor Sarah Ainsworth (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Steve Holgate, Hasina Khan, James Nevett and Kim Snape

Officers: Rachel Stewart (Housing Solutions Manager) and Matthew Pawlyszyn (Democratic and Member Services Officer)

Apologies: Councillor Christine Turner

Other Members: Councillor Aaron Beaver, Councillor Julia Berry, Councillor Alan Whittaker

5 Minutes of Meeting, Thursday 2 December 2021 of Overview and Scrutiny Task Group: Select Move 2021

The minutes were approved as a correct record.

6 Declaration of Interest

No declarations were made.

7 Feedback on Select Move from Chorley Councillors

The Task Group welcomed Councillors Aaron Beaver, Julia Berry and Alan Whittaker to share their views and experiences of Select Move.

Concerns were expressed for residents with mental health needs, and those in hard to reach groups to gain access to the service. Members stressed the importance of allowing supported people to remain as independent and as safe as possible. The service also needed to be accessible to those not on a 9-5 schedule and support to be available early in the morning, weekends and during unsociable hours.

A reoccurring issue raised was that homes were not appearing on the site. There were also concerns with the clarity and understanding of the bidding system, for both residents and Councillors.

A specific case was raised featuring a resident classified as too young to gain access to supported property.

Members believed that the methods of allocation, banding and re-banding, weight of circumstances and methods of communication should be explored to decrease the likelihood of any user disenfranchisement. It was questioned how well Select Move managed the demand for houses in the area.

Members wished to learn more about the numbers of service users without connection to be area being housed in Chorley.

The Task Group wanted to engage with both Preston and South Ribble to compare and contract issues and to build a closer working relationship between the councils and the service.

Members understood that it was important to hear the voices of the users of Select Move and would like to see feedback from the Housing Needs Survey and explore if there were currently unsupported groups.

8 Review of Scope

Amendments to the Scope were made by Members, which included an elaboration on the desired outcome to include accessible and transparency for all users consistently.

The scope was updated to include 'age' under the equality and diversity implications.

9 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday, 15 February 2021, 6:30pm.

Chair

Date