

Amendments to Opposition Policy Item 4.2

Moved by Cllr. Lynne Hillan

Sheltered Housing

Amend the Policy Item so that it reads:

Council believes that all elderly residents in Barnet deserve the support of their local authority based on need, not tenure.

Council notes that there has been a thorough consultation regarding floating support in sheltered schemes and asks Cabinet to consider its findings before making a final decision.

Amendment in the name of Cllr Gill Sargeant to Opposition Policy Item in the name of Cllr Barry Rawlings

Sheltered Housing

Delete all and replace with:

Council believes that elderly residents in sheltered housing in Barnet deserve the support of their local authority, and that in reviewing support services for older people the following needs to be taken into account:

- That around 1,500 elderly residents are currently in sheltered housing with on-site support from wardens and many chose to live in sheltered housing for precisely that reason
- That many of these residents want to remain in sheltered housing with on-site support and have tenancy agreements that include on-site support
- That a decision to scrap on-site wardens may put residents currently living in sheltered housing at risk
- That on-site support actually helps prevent dependence and unnecessary admission to hospital and residential care and therefore helps the council and other agencies contain costs
- That many residents in sheltered housing do not feel the need to ask for additional support from adult social services because they feel able to cope with just the on-site support that is provided thereby reducing pressure on social services budgets
- That floating support will not provide the added-value offered by on-site wardens in terms of security, sociability and other quality of life issues
- That the council's offer to older people should provide true choice, and include an option to remain in sheltered housing with on-site support
- That if the majority of respondents to the consultation on support services in sheltered housing want on-site wardens to continue that the council honours that wish

Council therefore asks Cabinet to reconsider their proposal to scrap on-site wardens in sheltered housing.