Item 3.5

Council, 14 July 2009

Motion in the name of Councillor Richard Cornelius

Sheltered Housing

Under Standing Order Part 4, Section 1, 31.5: if my item is not dealt with by the end of the meeting I ask that it be voted upon at the Council meeting.

Council notes that Cabinet has agreed to reform the allocation of assistance to vulnerable older people following an extensive consultation and review of the previous outmoded system.

Council notes that allocation of the service will in future be based on need, as opposed to tenure, expanding assistance to a greater number of older people in the Borough, targeting resources at service users and clearly defining the roles of those involved in providing care to our older residents.

Council notes that a similar shift away from tenure to need has been made by local authorities across England and has been supported by the Essential Role of Sheltered Housing (ERoSH) charity.

Council requests Cabinet to ensure that the new policy is introduced compassionately and that residents are regularly kept informed.