

ACTION PLAN

Independent Living Strategy 2023 - 2027

Appendix 2

1 Short term actions

Item	Issue	Action	Who	Due Date	Complete /Update
1.	Current Climate and challenges faced by closure of care homes, homelessness, low resource for mental health – delivering more for less.	Prospective tenants with mental health must have support attached on sign up of tenancy to independent living which will include assessment after viewing stage to ensure housing need is met.	1. Housing Advice 2.Enabling Officer.	Ongoing as appropriate	
2	Cost of Living Crisis has led to tenants being faced with adversity, poor financial outlook, risk of food poverty.	Build and sustain resilience by providing allotments which will assist will cost of living, health and wellbeing and social inclusion. Recovery from adversity and improved physical and mental health in later life.	1.Site Officers 2.Enabling Officers	April 2024	
3.	Many tenants are not able to use digital services which will assist towards retaining their independence and potential risk to social isolation.	Research to be carried out including digital equipment to assist with self-serve, shopping, inclusion to social media platforms.	1.Hub Facilitator 2.Enabling Officers	Ongoing as appropriate	
4.	General needs properties under-occupied by tenants aged 55+ on secure tenancy basis whilst shortage of 2/3 bed houses available.	Look at downsizing benefits/settlements available in collaboration with Housing Manager	1.Housing Manager 2.Service Delivery Manager	Review March 2024	
5.	Properties geographically based around Independent Living HUBS isolated from social interaction. No profiling available,	Update profiling on tenants in local environment to continue to build strong, inclusive communities by using data. Continue to provide access to training, extended partnership working with a person-centred approach	1.Housing Officers 3.Enabling Officers	Review January 2024	

2 Longer term actions

Item	Issue	Action	Who	Due Date	Complete
1.	Lack of car parking spaces and electrical vehicle (EV) charging.	Carry out feasibility studies on green spaces with a view to transforming areas into additional car parking. Investigate current EV investigations in Community Services with potential to expand to Independent Living sites – Infrastructure for feasibility to align services.	1.Service Delivery 2.Manager Community Services	Review April 2024	
2.	There is no 'one place' within Stroud District Council to access information that is required regarding housing and care options in and for later life.	Initiate and deliver a comprehensive housing information network paper which will also feed into the wider communities and support people to make suitable choices for their situation.	1.Enabling Team. 2.Hub Facilitator 3.Service Delivery Manager 4.Health & Wellbeing team	June 2024	
3.	Longer term unsecure financial outlook	Concentrate on the individual site results from Star Survey to offer confidential support with an approachable can-do attitude to tenants that need more help with well-being or financial issues	2.Enabling Team	Review April 2024	