

SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL

# A VILLAGE THAT CARES

## Stakeholders Programme Update

Keep up to date with the latest plans to develop two new care villages for the Borders, one in Tweedbank and one in Hawick.

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### **Hawick**

#### **Council Approval for Hawick Build**

Exciting news that Scottish Borders Council has now approved the next steps that have been recommended for the development of a new care village facility for Hawick.

Agreement was given at the Council meeting held on 26 January for a full business case to be progressed, based on the preferred option that a new build care village is developed on the Stirches site in Hawick owned by Eildon Housing Association. The facility will be a co-located with the new extra care housing development Eildon is also looking to provide on the site. Meetings will begin with EHA in the coming weeks to discuss how the joint venture is taken forward.

More information is available at: [www.scotborders.gov.uk/carevillageprogramme](http://www.scotborders.gov.uk/carevillageprogramme)

### **Visit to Moray**

Members of the Project Board visited four Hanover Housing schemes to find out more about their augmented care model and learn lessons about what has worked and where there have been challenges arising from the design of the building. This was an interesting visit and will be helpful in designing the care village for Hawick.

### **Tweedbank**

#### **Tweedbank Care Village Design**

The footprint of the buildings has now been agreed and the Tweedbank care village will comprise of three buildings that will each house 20 residents in four homes within each building. There has been significant input from a wide array of stakeholders to ensure the service meets the needs of the service users and enables the best possible standard of facility within the available budget. Plans will be published soon and a link shared once these are available.

Work has also commenced on the village landscape and work on this should be concluded soon. Current service users have been asked for their input to find out what would enhance their life and most have concluded that they would like a warm, sheltered area to sit with nice things to look at. There has also been a request for raised beds, a shed and greenhouse and these have been incorporated into the design. The vision is for residents who would like to do so to be able to work in the garden and for a gardening club to be established, supported by the community and local volunteers.

The coming months will see the further development of the design to consider requirements for things like flooring, lighting, kitchens etc. and Stirling University will be supporting this to ensure that the environment and building is as dementia friendly as possible.

Extensive engagement has been undertaken to reach this point and the plans will be submitted to the planning department in the coming weeks. Following this, the procurement process will be initiated with an anticipated date for commencing the build being early 2024, and all being well, the care village opening in the summer of 2025.

### **Community Engagement**

Since October, NDTi have been carrying out a range of engagement sessions with various stakeholder to show them the plans for Tweedbank care village and to gain ideas about how the village and the community can interact. There has been some valuable feedback received which has been taken on board and a full report from NDTi will be available in February. This work will also help to form the Integrated Impact Assessment.

### **Model of Care**

A sub group has been established to look at the model of care and early work has enabled the development of a wide range of actions that will be undertaken to develop a model of care that ensures a modern, integrated approach to care delivery. This group will continue to meet and will be the group responsible for agreeing the staffing model, care delivery model, and enabling third sector involvement in the village once it is operational.

### **Digital Sub Group**

A digital sub group has also been set up and will ensure that the new build has sufficient connectivity to support modern ways of working and to ensure current and future service users are able to enjoy using whatever technology they want in the village. Ideas around current and future technology are being investigated and a virtual visit to the BT Innovation Centre has been planned.

### **Decommissioning of Deanfield, Hawick**

Early discussions have taken place around the previous commitment to set up a decommissioning group. This will be discussed and looked at further in the coming weeks to agree the remit of group and who the group members will be.

### **MORE INFORMATION**

- If you have any questions or feedback on the update and progress, please email: [residentialcareprogramme@scotborders.gov.uk](mailto:residentialcareprogramme@scotborders.gov.uk)
- Background information and updates are also available at: [www.scotborders.gov.uk/carevillageprogramme](http://www.scotborders.gov.uk/carevillageprogramme)