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ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND EXTRA CARE

As Chairman of the Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee I have attended a number of meetings over the period of this report which have an impact on the lives of the elderly across Cornwall. This impacts on this area even more as 34% of all those registered in the Old Bridge Health Centre are over 65 years of age whilst 44% are over 60. So this is an important subject for the town and area. You will have heard the talk of integration between services across Health and Social Care which will deliver services in a more seamless way. Yet all the service providers have issues with their services provision and the need to improve is really important for all concerned. The facts for Social Care is that has a funding has had to bridge a £6bn funding shortfall since 2010 according to the LGA. This has as you can imagine a direct effect on services and this shows with the impact of Delayed Discharges on the NHS being £3bn. So doing what has always been done is either difficult or impossible, so things need to work better for the people the services are provided for. There is also a lot of discussion on the need for Extra Care facilities across Cornwall, currently there are two Miners Court in Redruth and Passmore Edwards in Liskeard. These facilities are for people with a care need and the facility has carers on site who attend to those. These home can be purchased or rented but provide a safe environment as conditions worsen then more care can be provided. This allows people to stay in their home and in a safe place.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

Cornwall has an issue with Homelessness which needs to be dealt with as it does not reflect well on our society. Having looked at Modular housing and Container Homes I put an idea to members and a small group have taken this forward. Currently we spend as a Council £1.5m on temporary housing and £500k on B and B which needs to be cut as providing homes for these people the right way to deal with this issue. This is the start of dealing with homelessness in the right way and schemes are already being looked at. I still believe that we also need to focus on delivering Affordable Housing for local people and looking at ideas for this but as they say "work in progress".

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

I have recently met with officers over the problem of Economic Development in the South East of Cornwall and the lack of investment by Cornwall Council in this area. It was openly admitted that there is a disparity in the allocation of funding with the East missing out. We talked through the local issues that affect the Liskeard Looe area and especially about the Cattle Market, Work Units, Outer Harbour and Cycle Trail. With the current exchange rate it provides Cornwall with extra funds and I will be working with the other Cornwall Councillors in the network to make sure we get our share of funds.