

FOR PUBLICATION**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL****CABINET****DATE – 10 FEB 2022****Report of the Executive Director Adult Social Care & Health****Derbyshire Second Homes Programme
(Adult Care)****1. Divisions Affected**

- 1.1 The Second Homes Programme covers Amber Valley, Derbyshire Dales, High Peak and South Derbyshire District Councils.

2. Key Decision

- 2.1 This is a key decision because it is likely to result in the Council incurring expenditure which is, or savings which are significant having regard to the budget for the service or function concerned (this is currently defined as £500,000) and it is likely to be significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more electoral areas in the County.

3. Purpose

- 3.1 This report seeks approval for the programme covering the use of the £0.552m Second Homes budget for Amber Valley, Derbyshire Dales, High Peak and South Derbyshire District Councils to deliver low level support.

4. Information and Analysis

- 4.1 The rules on levying Council Tax on people's second homes were changed in 2004. The County Council agreed with the four District Councils most affected: Derbyshire Dales, High Peak, Amber Valley and South Derbyshire that £0.552m (75% of the then additional income raised for the County and District/Borough Councils) would be used to enhance low level support for people with the highest need in these areas. Examples of the housing related services supported include Housing Options, Help to Move, support for homeless people and a Domestic Abuse project.

Cabinet 8 June 2017 (Minute 177/17) and 16 March 2020 (Minute 58/22) agreed two-year investment programmes of £0.552m for 2017-19 and for 2019-2021.

The delivery of the current Second Homes programme has shown the value of targeting services for people with the highest need, resulting in reduced demand, and meeting the Borough's, District's and County Council's Housing, Health and Adult Care strategic policy objectives.

It is intended that there will be a review during the next 12 to 18 months of the Second Homes Programme alongside a proposed review of Low Level Practical Support funded by Adult Social Care. This will be with the aim of providing integrated, appropriate and consistent support for people, targeted to those most in need in a way that will enable them to maintain their independence.

5. Consultation

- 5.1 There is no requirement to consult in relation to the Second Homes Tax decision.

6. Alternative Option Considered

- 6.1 Cabinet could decide not to agree to the recommendation to fund the Second Homes Programme. This would mean that the relevant Districts and Boroughs would be required to source alternative funding, or more likely to have to cease their current programmes.

7. Implications

- 7.1 Appendix 1 sets out the relevant implications considered in the preparation of the report.

8. Background Papers

8.1 None identified.

9. Appendices

9.1 Appendix 1 - Implications.

10. Recommendation(s)

That Cabinet:

- a) Approves the Second Homes Programme covering the use of £0.552m from the Second Homes budget for Amber Valley, Derbyshire Dales, High Peak and South Derbyshire District / Borough Councils for 2021 – 2023
- b) Notes the intention to review Second Homes Programme funding with key partners during the next 12 to 18 months alongside a proposed review of Low Level Practical Support funded by Adult Social Care.

11. Reasons for Recommendation(s)

- 11.1 To enable the existing Second Homes Programme activities in Amber Valley, Derbyshire Dales, High Peak and South Derbyshire to continue.
- 11.2 A joint review of the current programme and aligned low level activities will ensure that a system wide approach is taken to targeting support to those most in need to enable people to maximise and maintain their independence.

12. Is it necessary to waive the call in period?

12.1 No

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Implications

Financial

- 1.1 The total costs are £0.552m per annum which would be met from the Second Homes budget which is allocated to the overall ASCH budget:

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| Amber Valley | £0.080m |
| Derbyshire Dales | £0.305m |
| High Peak | £0.105m |
| South Derbyshire | £0.062m |
| <u>Total</u> | <u>£0.552m p.a.</u> |

Legal

2.1 The Care and Support Statutory Guidance states that the wellbeing principle (the duty on local authorities to promote an individual's wellbeing when carrying out care and support functions) should also be considered by the local authority when it undertakes broader, strategic functions and should be seen as the common theme around which care and support is built. The Care and Support Statutory Guidance also states that supporting people to live as independently as possible, for as long as possible, is a guiding principle of the Care Act.

2.2 The recommendation is considered to meet the requirements and expectations of the relevant community care legislation.

Human Resources

3.1 No obvious implications

Information Technology

4.1 No obvious implications

Equalities Impact

5.1 Not applicable

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

6.1 Not applicable

Other (for example, Health and Safety, Environmental Sustainability, Property and Asset Management, Risk Management and Safeguarding)

7.1 Not applicable