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Monday, 23rd June, 2008**

Present:- Councillor Kirk (in the Chair); Councillors Akhtar, Gosling, Kaye and Sims.

Apologies for absence:- Apologies were received from P. A. Russell.

3. HOUSING, CARE AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR OLDER PEOPLE - PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

Shona McFarlane, Director of Health and Wellbeing and Kirsty Everson, Director of Independent Living gave a powerpoint presentation on housing, care and support services for older people, preparing for the future.

The presentation drew specific attention to:

- Demographic Challenge – JSNA and National trend analysis
- Services as they are today
- Challenges today
- Issues arising from the current model of provision
- Services in the future
- Role for RMBC's services
- How do we manage the issues we face today, whilst preparing for the future
 - Short – medium term solutions
 - Longer term solutions
- Next steps

Discussion and a question/answer session ensued and the following issues were raised:

- Who would undertake the assessment process and whether health official should be involved
- Whether this would encourage an increase in demand for services
- How ideas were being linked with the PCT
- How funding would be split – it was necessary to ensure that all funding did not only fall to adult social care
- Sheltered housing and the need to assess properties for their suitability to be classed as sheltered housing
- Concerns about service users being made to take the services of Rothercare as part of their offer of accommodation
- Offering the services of Rothercare to people in privately owned homes
- Whether there was a policy on single people living in 3 bedroomed properties

The next steps were to aim to have a draft vision for accommodation, care and support for older people in Rotherham by September 2008. This would include the following:

- Options for the future of Rothercare
 - Opt out agreement from Rothercare
 - Financial implications and consequences
 - Marketing/extending access/promoting the service
 - Transitional position if it is anticipated that numbers may drop
 - Legal perspective
- Future design of properties – build in accessibility at planning stage

It was agreed that a formal joint meeting should be arranged in the future to discuss this further.