

**SHELTERED HOUSING REVIEW
FEBRUARY 2012
TASK & FINISH GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS**

The task and finish group has developed a number of recommendations. It should be noted that, apart from A and B, these recommendations are in response to changes imposed by the County Council and would not necessarily have been made otherwise.

- A. The quality of the support service provided to sheltered housing residents must be preserved in any new structure that is adopted
- B. Work should continue towards increasing efficiency and value for money in the sheltered housing support service
- C. Before the change to the Supporting People funding is formally implemented by the County Council, or changes to the service are made by SCDC, the portfolio holder and relevant director should attend a formal meeting with the Scrutiny and Overview Committee and Housing Portfolio Holder to pursue the case for a reversal of the decision, stressing the concerns of the task and finish group.
- D. Any redesign of the sheltered housing service should encompass the core values of community links, dignity, human contact, local hub, mutual support, and prevention.
- E. If a service redesign is necessary it should build on the model presented at section 4 of this report, and incorporate the best features of the existing model. It should seek to correct any shortcomings in the existing system and improve the overall quality and effectiveness of service.
- F. The Portfolio Holder should consider developing a menu of options for paid-for support services to residents, whether living in sheltered accommodation or not. These would be in addition to services already provided and could be delivered by for example increasing the Council's support of those village warden schemes who can meet the required standard.
- G. Cambridgeshire County Council should publish a full assessment of the impact on the residents of the District of the reduction in Supporting People funding.
- H. Cambridgeshire County Council should fully consult with residents, SCDC and other organisations on future funding proposals before decisions are taken.