

**CABINET – THURSDAY, 13 JULY 2017**

**Written Question from Ms. Jo Dare of AGE UK to Cllr Clare Mosdell - Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health**

**QUESTION**

*'Age UK Isle of Wight welcomes the 'Independent Island Living' Strategy as a way to deliver more housing choices to older people than are currently available. To widen choice further, as well as positively impact on budgets, would the IW Council work with Age UK Isle of Wight to consider whether the concept of Lifetime Neighbourhoods and Lifetime Housing would be locally relevant and possible to achieve?'*

**RESPONSE**

*'As an authoritative and influential champion for our island's elders, I am grateful for Age UK's support of the Independent Island Living strategy. I am keen to work with Age UK and, subsequent to approval of the Strategy by Cabinet, I am keen to work with Age UK in beginning to engage with older people across the island about what the strategy might mean for them, how it can improve their quality of life and maintain their independence and how they might begin to explore whether or not it will be a new way of living that they choose to use.*

*To move to the specific question as I understand it, Lifetime Neighbourhoods are those places that offer everyone the best opportunity of health, wellbeing and community inclusion – regardless of their age. Our new strategy for adult social care, "Care Close to Home", has the promotion, improvement and protection of wellbeing at its heart. So I see Lifetime Neighbourhoods as very obviously aligned to Care Close to Home.*

*Of course, the creation of Lifetime Neighbourhoods requires the involvement of our planners as well as developers. But it is more than the organisation of physical space and provision of community facilities. They are also about social capital – and getting communities engaged.*

*So I am very happy to support any engagement with Age UK in exploring how we can make a reality of the concept of Lifetime Neighbourhoods, because they are for the benefit of all members of our community – no matter how young or how old.'*