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Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

CHESHIRE WEST AND CHESTER COUNCIL – CURZON HOUSE UPDATE

I am writing to let you know more detail about plans to regenerate an empty building on Curzon Street, Saltney, Chester. We have also recently written to over 200 local residents and businesses to update them of our plans.

Following a competitive procurement exercise, I am pleased to inform you that the contractors F. Parkinson will be starting on site in March/April 2024. Site safety hoardings will be going up around the site and this will provide contact details in case you have any queries or questions about the site whilst the refurbishment is underway.

We will be refurbishing the property to provide 36 private rooms, where people who have been homeless and are in need of supported accommodation will have a place to stay until they can find a new home.

We know that this is a subject that matters deeply to lots of people in Chester and something we need to address as the cost of living rises and more people are in danger of falling into financial difficulty. Homes like this make a massive difference to people's lives and are an important part of our community. They keep people away from life on the streets and in the current climate, where more people are struggling to deal with the cost of living, they are more important than ever.

We will provide individual support to the people living there to help them move on to permanent homes and live independently. It is not a hostel or emergency accommodation - we expect most residents to stay at the scheme for around six months before finding a new home.

There will be staff on site 24 hours a day, seven days a week. They will provide specialist support with housing, employment, health and personal finance so that the residents can move on with their lives.

We run lots of supported accommodation across the borough and are happy to answer any questions you might have. You can visit the Housing Related Support section of the Council website for more information.

If you have any questions about these proposals, then please email us at
Housingstrategy@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Kind regards,

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