

## More frequently asked questions – updated 30 August

Through talking to people affected by the proposals about the future of Sunhaven and Coombes House, we are finding people have common questions. Here are answers to these common questions.

**Question:** Is the home going to close?

**Answer:** We don't know. No decisions have yet been made, we feel the buildings are not physically good enough anymore, and we know in the long term we can't continue to 'patch them up' because this would be costly and would not result in the kind of accommodation our residents will need in the future. This is why we are consulting you about the future of these homes now.

**Question:** When will you know what is going to happen?

**Answer:** No decisions have yet been made about the future of Sunhaven and Coombes House. The consultation ends on the 29 October 2011. Then council officers will take time to consider the feedback and prepare a report for the cabinet member for health and wellbeing. The cabinet member will receive this report and make a decision about what should happen to Sunhaven and Coombes house early next year in 2012.

At that time the Healthier Communities Scrutiny Board (a committee of councillors who have the responsibility to scrutinise and examine important adult social care issues) may well consider the outcome of the consultation as well.

Therefore, we would like to emphasise that it will take some time for any final decision to be made.

**Question:** Do I now need to find a new home for my relative?

**Answer:** No. No decisions have yet been made about the future of Sunhaven and Coombes House. We are expecting the cabinet member for health and wellbeing to make a decision about Sunhaven and Coombes House in early 2012. When the decision is made we will let you know what is happening.

At no point will you be expected to find an alternative home for your family member. If the decision is made to close a home we will work with the people living there and their relatives to find suitable alternative accommodation. This would include assessing peoples' care needs and talking to them about what they want and who they want to live with.

More questions and answers can be found at the back the information booklet you were sent at the end of July.