

DECISION / OUTCOME	DESCRIPTION	NUMBER	DATE	DIRECTOR
<p>LEARNING DISABILITY AND AUTISM SHORT BREAKS SERVICE</p> <p>The Officer with Delegated Authority agreed the recommendations as follows:</p> <p>To agree to the development of a purpose built six-bed accommodation unit, situated at 2-4 Ambleside Road, which will provide a short break service and enhanced respite care for adults with a learning disability and/or autism with complex and challenging needs.</p> <p>To note that the capital cost of the scheme is approximately £1.75m with NHS England providing funding of £1.6m and to agree that the Council contributes the land valued at £150,000.</p>	<p>At present, there is not enough respite provision in Blackpool to support those carers and families who play a pivotal role in the day-to-day care of individuals with a learning disability and/or autism. The Council currently operates a six- bed facility at Coopers Way, which is able to offer 2,160 bed nights per year but demand from families exceeds this by approximately 900 bed nights per year. Further to this, demand for respite provision is expected to increase in the future as a result of demographic factors, for example, an increase in the number of young people with a learning disability and/ or autism transitioning to adult services.</p>	D1/2019	25/11/19	Karen Smith, Director of Adult Services