

Report to Housing Scrutiny Standing Panel

Date of meeting: 30 July 2009

Subject: Review of the Homelessness Strategy

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Recommendation:

The Housing Scrutiny Panel is asked to consider the Draft Homelessness Strategy and report any comments to the Housing Portfolio Holder prior to the strategy being approved.

Report:

Background Report:

1. Under the Homelessness Act 2002, Local Authorities have a duty to review and publish their Homelessness Strategy on at least a 5 yearly basis. As this area of work regularly changes it was agreed that the Council's Strategy would be reviewed every three years. The Strategy links with the Council's Housing Strategy, Allocations Scheme, the Housing Services Strategy on Housing Advice and Allocations, and the Council Plan. The Strategy sets out achievements since 2006 and incorporates the needs and demands on the service and actions that need to be undertaken over the coming three years.

2. The Housing Scrutiny Panel is asked to consider the Draft Homelessness Strategy, which is included in the Panel's Work Programme, which was previously circulated to Members of the Panel, and report any comments to the Housing Portfolio Holder prior to the Strategy being approved.

Consultation

3. The Draft Homelessness Strategy has been sent to all Town and Parish Councils and all organisations with an interest in homelessness seeking their comments. Any comments received will be reported at the meeting.