

Report to Housing Scrutiny Panel

Date of meeting: 24th March 2011

Portfolio: Housing – Cllr D. Stallan

**Subject: Housing Strategy 2009-2012 -
6-Monthly Progress Report on Key Action
Plan 2010/11**



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Recommendations/Decisions Required:

That the 6-Month Progress Report on the Key Action Plan 2010/11, attached as an Appendix, be considered, with any comments passed to the Housing Portfolio Holder and Director of Housing accordingly.

Report:

1. At its meeting in September 2009, the Council's Cabinet adopted the Housing Strategy 2009-2012. The Housing Strategy assesses the District's current and future housing needs - having particular regard to the Strategic Housing Market Assessment produced by six local authorities in the eastern part of the LCB Sub-Region - and sets out the Council's approach to meeting those needs.
2. The Strategy also included a Key Action Plan, which set out the proposed actions that would be taken by the Council to contribute towards the achievement of the housing objectives over the 3 years of the Housing Strategy.
3. When adopting the Housing Strategy, the Cabinet also agreed that Key Action Plans should be produced and updated on an annual basis for approval by the Cabinet. An updated Key Action Plan was therefore agreed by the Cabinet, on the recommendation of the Housing Scrutiny Panel, in September 2010.
4. The Cabinet has agreed that progress with the Key Action Plan should be monitored on a 6-monthly basis by the Housing Scrutiny Panel, in accordance with its Terms of Reference.
5. The 6-Month Progress Report is attached as an Appendix, which the Scrutiny Panel is asked to consider, and to provide any comments to the Housing Portfolio Holder and Director of Housing.