

# **Report to Housing Scrutiny Panel**

**Date of meeting: 24 July 2012**

**Portfolio: Housing – Councillor D. Stallan**

**Subject: Review of the Homelessness Strategy**

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## **Recommendations/Decisions Required:**

**The Housing Scrutiny Panel is asked to consider the draft Homelessness Strategy and report any comments to the Housing Portfolio Holder.**

## **Background Report:**

- 1.1 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 2009 and incorporates the needs and demands on the service and actions that need to be undertaken over the coming three years.
- 1.2 The Housing Scrutiny Panel is asked to consider the Draft Homelessness Strategy, which is included in the Panel's Work Programme, and is attached as an appendix, and report any comments to the Housing Portfolio Holder.

## **Consultation**

- 1.3 Following the meeting, the Draft Homelessness Strategy will be sent to all Stakeholders, Town and Parish Councils and the CLG seeking their comments.

## **Resource implications:**

Budget provision: None

Personnel: None

Land: None

Community Plan/BVPP reference: N/A

Relevant statutory powers: Housing Act 1996, as amended and the Localism Act 2011

Background papers: Customer Impact Assessment, Housing Service Strategies on Housing Advice & Allocations & Homelessness. Current Homelessness Strategy

Environmental/Human Rights Act/Crime and Disorder Act Implications: N/A

Key Decision reference: (if required) N/A