

Report to Housing Scrutiny Panel

Date of meeting: 28th January 2013

Portfolio: Housing – Cllr D. Stallan

**Subject: Housing Strategy: 6-Month Progress
Report on Key Action Plan 2012/13**

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Recommendations:

That the 6-Month Progress Report on the Housing Strategy Key Action Plan 2012/13, 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 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 first year of the Housing Strategy.
3. When adopting the Housing Strategy, the Cabinet also agreed that Key Action Plans for the Housing Strategy should be produced and updated on an annual basis for approval by the Cabinet.
4. The Housing Strategy itself was due to be updated last year, for a further three-year period. However, following a recommendation from the Housing Scrutiny Panel, the Housing Portfolio Holder agreed that the production of the next Housing Strategy should be deferred for one year, and produced in 2013, due to the number of important issues that were expected to be concluded over the following year, that will have a significant impact on the Housing Strategy. In the meantime, the Housing Portfolio Holder agreed that a further Housing Strategy Key Action Plan for 2012/13 be produced and considered by the Housing Scrutiny Panel for recommendation to the Cabinet. The Cabinet agreed the current Action Plan in September 2012.
5. The Cabinet has previously agreed that progress with the Key Action Plans should be monitored on a 6-monthly basis by the Housing Scrutiny Panel, in accordance with its Terms of Reference. Therefore, the 6-Month Progress Report for the Key Action Plan adopted in September 2012 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.