

Report to Housing Scrutiny Panel

Date of meeting: 16 October 2014

Portfolio: Housing – Cllr D. Stallan

**Subject: Private Sector Housing Strategy 2012-2015:
Progress Report on Action Plan**

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Recommendations/Decisions Required:

- (1) That the Progress Report on the Action Plan contained within the Private Sector Housing Strategy 2012-2015 attached at Appendix 1 be considered, with any comments passed to the Housing Portfolio Holder and Director of Communities accordingly;**
- (2) That appropriate uncompleted actions be carried forward to the Action Plan 2014/15 attached at Appendix 2; and**
- (3) That the proposed Action Plan 2014/15 attached as Appendix 2 be considered, with any comments passed to the Housing Portfolio Holder and Director of Communities accordingly.**

Report:

1. At its meeting in April 2012 the Council's Cabinet adopted the Private Sector Housing Strategy (PSHS) 2012-2015. This followed the Housing Scrutiny Panel considering the Strategy in detail and a consultation with the Council's partners, key stakeholders and the public.
2. The PSHS assesses the District's current and future private sector housing needs and sets out the Council's approach to meeting those needs. The 2012-2015 PSHS had particular regard to the Private Sector House Condition Survey carried out in 2011. As well as taking account of national, regional and sub-regional priorities, it also links with other Council and non-Council strategies.
3. The Strategy also includes an Action Plan, which sets out the proposed actions that will be taken by the Council to contribute towards the achievement of the housing objectives for the private sector over the 3 years of the Strategy's life.
4. The Cabinet agreed that progress with the Action Plan should be monitored on an annual basis by the Housing Scrutiny Panel, in accordance with its Terms of Reference. The first annual progress report was considered by the Scrutiny Panel and updated in October 2013. A progress report on the updated Action Plan is attached at Appendix 1.
5. The Action Plan has been updated further and any uncompleted actions that are still relevant have been brought forward. The revised Action Plan, the Private Sector Housing

strategy Action Plan 2014/15 is attached at Appendix 2.

6. The Scrutiny Panel is asked to consider the progress report and revised Action Plan and to provide any comments to the Housing Portfolio Holder and Director of Communities.

Reason for decision:

The PSHS includes an Action Plan, on which the Cabinet has asked the Housing Scrutiny Panel to monitor progress on an annual basis.

Options considered and rejected:

None.

Consultation undertaken:

None

Resource implications:

Budget provision: Nil

Personnel: Nil

Land: Nil

Community Plan/BVPP reference: Key Objective 6: 'Prioritise interventions to reduce health inequalities, targeting resources to the areas and people with poorer health, while improving access to services and addressing the lifestyle related, environmental and other causes of ill health.'

Relevant statutory powers: N/A

Background papers: None

Environmental/Human Rights Act/Crime and Disorder Act Implications: None

Key Decision reference: N/A