

Chichester District Council

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Housing Strategy 2020-25

1. Contacts

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2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That OSC make any comments on the draft Housing Strategy and recommend it to Cabinet and Council for adoption.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Council has previously published separate strategies covering Affordable Housing, Homelessness, Private Sector Renewal and the allocation of tenancies. Each of these documents has covered different periods but all are now due for review.
- 3.2 The intention going forward is to adopt a single Housing Strategy which takes a holistic view of the Council's role as a strategic housing authority thus avoiding a degree of duplication that has existed in the past.

4. Outcomes to be Achieved

- 4.1 The Strategy sets out a vision and a set of priorities which will guide our approach to affordable housing, homelessness and private sector renewal over the next five years. The priorities build directly on the Council's Corporate Plan Objectives.
- 4.2 The Strategy incorporates broad strategic objectives, benchmark measures as well as specific goals. These will be monitored and reviewed through annual Service Plans.

5. Proposal

- 5.1 That OSC make any comments or recommendations on the draft Housing strategy following which the strategy will be considered by Cabinet. It is intended that the Council will then adopt the Housing Strategy 2020-25 at its meeting in March 2020.

6. Alternatives Considered

- 6.1 None as parts of the Strategy are statutory.

7. Resource and Legal Implications

- 7.1 There are no specific financial or legal implications arising directly from the Housing Strategy. Subsequent initiatives and actions which have implications will be subject to appropriate consideration and governance arrangements as required.

8. Consultation

- 8.1 Consultation has been carried out as below:

- (a) Internal consultation has involved staff briefings and team meetings focussing on specific elements of the strategy
- (b) External consultation has involved:
- An initial public survey via the 'Let's Talk' channel, this was used to collate public views of the priorities which the Housing Strategy should address
 - Presentations at various stakeholder fora
 - Individual meetings with key stakeholders and partners
 - Dissemination of an earlier draft summary to a wide range of partners and stakeholders inviting feedback. The draft strategy has been favourably received by a number of respondents representing West Sussex County Council, the NHS, South Downs National Park Authority and the voluntary sector. In some cases comments from stakeholders identified opportunities where drafting could be improved to provide greater clarity.
- (c) All Members were invited to give feedback and comments on the draft strategy. Consultation with Members took place as part of a half day seminar on 20th November, further information was provided through the Members Briefing and dissemination of an earlier draft summary. Members were also offered the opportunity to discuss the strategy at individual 'surgeries' during early December.

9. Community Impact and Corporate Risks

- 9.1 The Strategy sets out a practical vision for the implementation of key objectives defined in the Corporate Plan. In order to optimise the value of our contribution to housing in the District it is necessary to have a Strategy which is up to date and relevant. Without one there is a risk that opportunities to meet residents' needs will not be fulfilled.

10. Other Implications

Are there any implications for the following?		
If you tick "Yes", list your impact assessment as a background paper in paragraph 13 and explain any major risks in paragraph 9		
	Yes	No
Crime and Disorder		x
Climate Change and Biodiversity		x
Human Rights and Equality Impact	x	
Safeguarding and Early Help	x	
General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)		x

Health and Wellbeing	x	

11. Appendices

11.1 Appendix 1 Draft Housing Strategy 2020-25

12. Background Papers

12.1 Housing Strategy Impact Assessment

12.2 Chichester District Council Homelessness Review 2020

12.3 Chichester District Council Tenancy Strategy 2020-25