

## **Task and Finish Group - Terms of Reference**

### **The review of the Council's Housing Strategy**

#### **Membership:**

Councillor Betts (Chair)  
Councillor Bangert  
Councillor Briscoe  
Councillor Brisbane  
Councillor D Johnson  
Councillor Hixon

**Lead Officer:** Kerry Standing

**Officer Support:** Teresa O'Toole, Mark Bristow, Louise Williams, Graham Thrussell, and any others if required.

#### **Purpose of the Group**

The purpose of the group is to review the Council's existing Housing Strategy and set out a proposed Housing Strategy from 2025 for 5-10 years.

The Task and Finish Group will work together to deliver a proposed Housing Strategy from 2025 and will consider all housing, budgetary, legal and operational impacts in doing so.

#### **In doing this the Group will:**

##### **1. Review the Council's current Housing Strategy that came into effect from 2020.**

This will include:

- Reviewing how affordable housing is currently delivered.
- Data to support what the current housing need is through the Council's Housing Register
- A review of current waiting times for properties
- What are the possible solutions and is there anything we should be doing that we are not doing?
- How we ensure that the proposed Housing Strategy takes account of housing need over the next 5-10 years and is focussed on the future needs of residents.

##### **2. Consider how best to engage with our stakeholders, officers and residents to inform the outcomes of the proposed Housing Strategy.**

This will include:

- Engagement activities to ensure thorough input and feedback is obtained to support the direction of the proposed Housing Strategy to take effect from 2025.

## Outcomes

- A draft Housing Strategy to be developed in accordance with the timetable below.

## Task and Finish Group review period / timetable

Action required	Responsible	Delivery date
Initial meeting with the Task and Finish Group Chair	Kerry Standing	February 2024
Initial Task and Finish Group meeting	Kerry Standing	May 2024
Housing Strategy project work to be undertaken between June – October 2024	Kerry Standing	June – October 2024
Draft report for the Housing and Communities Panel	Kerry Standing	November 2024
Draft report to Cabinet	Kerry Standing	February 2025
New Housing Strategy from 2025 goes live	Kerry Standing	April 2025

**Kerry Standing**  
**Divisional Manager**  
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