

Cardiff Housing Strategy 2016-2021 - Consultation Summary Report

The draft Housing Strategy 2016-2021 was issued for a four week consultation period from 8th July to 5th August 2016. It was sent to over 100 stakeholders including:

- Health and social care, planning and regulatory service colleagues;
- local housing associations;
- private landlord and agent representative bodies;
- equalities organisations;
- third sector support providers;
- statutory partners including Health, Probation and the Police
- all ward members, local MPs and AMs
- Community & Adult Services Scrutiny Committee (CASSC)

Comments were received from a range of partners including housing associations, a neighbouring local authority, equalities organisations, the Police, Planning and Adult Social Services.

Partners were asked to respond to 4 questions. Key responses are summarised below and any changes made to the strategy as a result highlighted.

Q1: Are the Vision and Key Aims set out in the draft strategy appropriate?

There was broad support for the vision and key aims, which were viewed as appropriate and in line with the national housing strategy. The intentions of the Strategy were described as positive and forward thinking. The focus on meeting the needs of the most vulnerable and building stronger communities was welcomed, along with the commitment to partnership working. The addressing of each key aim through a separate chapter within the Strategy and the adoption of a 'whole system' approach were both seen positively.

Amendments Made

The contribution of third sector partners in delivering the aims of the Strategy has been strengthened. Explicit reference has been made to the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Strategy's role in fulfilling its requirements.

Q2: Has all available data contributing to an understanding of housing need been considered?

Respondents felt that a comprehensive range of data had been considered in order to understand housing need in the city. A number of respondents welcomed the intention to develop ward-level data on housing need.

Amendments Made

Information on rental values has been added to complement the data on house prices and affordability.

The equalities summary has been strengthened and the links to the protected characteristics made clearer. The need to improve equalities data has been added.

Clearer reference has been made to the spectrum of accommodation options required to enable older people to remain in their own homes where possible.

Q3: Does the draft strategy sufficiently cover all prevalent housing challenges?

A number of useful suggestions were made highlighting areas where the Strategy could be added to or strengthened.

Amendments Made

Information has been added on the demand for student housing across the city and on the impacts of this on the general housing stock.

The importance of good quality design has been made explicit, both in terms of housing and wider neighbourhoods, with reference made to lifetime homes principles. Comments on dementia-friendly environments will be picked up through the development of an older persons accommodation strategy.

Q4: Do the 'We Wills' capture the action needed to address these challenges?

The 'We Wills' used throughout the document were felt to usefully link the vision and aims of the Strategy to the key actions of the Council and partners.

A number of additional 'We Wills' were added in response to the consultation comments, including improving equalities monitoring; developing a separate action plan to bring together ongoing work around young people; and addressing rough sleeping .

Moving forward, more detailed action plans and milestones will be developed to help monitor implementation of the Strategy.

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