

COUNCIL HOUSE BUILDING STRATEGY UPDATE

Reason for the Report

1. To provide Members with background information to aid their scrutiny of Council House build Strategy which is tabled for pre-decision Scrutiny at the Community & Adults Services Scrutiny Committee, 1 May 2019.

Background

2. In line with Capital Ambition, the Council's Housing Development team are aiming to build 1,000 new homes by May 2022 and delivering 2,000 new homes in the longer term.
3. Currently, there are just under 8,000 people on the housing waiting list, with an average of 142 properties becoming available per month.
4. The key objectives for the strategy are:
 - Clear Vision
 - Understanding Need
 - Land
 - Procurement
 - Delivering in Volume and at pace
5. Members are to receive a presentation – **attached at Appendix 1**, to provide information on the strategy to aid their pre-decision scrutiny in Community & Adults Services Committee, 1 May 2019.

Way Forward

6. Councillor Lynda Thorne, Cabinet Member for Housing & Communities has been invited to attend for this item. She will be supported by officers from the People & Communities Directorate.

Legal Implications

7. The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not to make policy decisions. As the recommendations in this report are to consider and review matters there are no direct legal implications. However, legal implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. Any report with recommendations for decision that goes to Cabinet/Council will set out any legal implications arising from those recommendations. All decisions taken by or on behalf of the Council must (a) be within the legal powers of the Council; (b) comply with any procedural requirement imposed by law; (c) be within the powers of the body or person exercising powers on behalf of the Council; (d) be undertaken in accordance with the procedural requirements imposed by the Council e.g. Scrutiny Procedure Rules; (e) be fully and properly informed; (f) be properly motivated; (g) be taken having regard to the Council's fiduciary duty to its taxpayers; and (h) be reasonable and proper in all the circumstances.

Financial Implications

8. The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not to make policy decisions. As the recommendations in this report are to consider and review matters there are no direct financial implications at this stage in relation to any of the work programme. However, financial implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. Any report with recommendations for decision that goes to Cabinet/Council will set out any financial implications arising from those recommendations.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is recommended to:

- i. Note the contents of the report and presentation.
- ii. To consider future actions in relation to future scrutiny of this item.

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