

Report to: Housing Review Board



Date of Meeting 16th September 2021

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EDDC Housing Strategy 2020-2024

Report summary:

This report presents the completed Housing Strategy for member approval and asks members to recommend that Cabinet approve and adopt the strategy accordingly

Is the proposed decision in accordance with:

Budget Yes No

Policy Framework Yes No

Recommendation:

1. That members approve the final Housing Strategy
2. That members recommend that Cabinet approve and adopt the Housing Strategy

Reason for recommendation:

The Housing Strategy reflects and responds to broader council policy as set out in both the Housing Service Plan and developing Council Plan. It presents an overview of the Housing Service's planned strategic approach to effectively meet continuing and emerging challenges over the next 4 years

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Portfolio(s) (check which apply):

- Climate Action and Emergencies
- Coast, Country and Environment
- Council and Corporate Co-ordination
- Culture, Tourism, Leisure and Sport
- Democracy and Transparency
- Economy and Assets
- Finance
- Strategic Planning
- Sustainable Homes and Communities

Equalities impact Low Impact

Climate change Medium Impact

Risk: Low Risk; Whilst the Housing Strategy document is important, it's purpose is to set out an overview of the strategic approach that the Housing Service intend to take over the next 4 years, the detail of which is covered in other documents, including individual housing policies and the Housing Service Plan

Links to background information [HRB 29th April 2021 Paper item 8](#)

Link to [Council Plan](#):

Priorities (check which apply)

- Outstanding Place and Environment
 - Outstanding Homes and Communities
 - Outstanding Economic Growth, Productivity, and Prosperity
 - Outstanding Council and Council Services
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Report in Full

1. Background

- 1.1 The Housing Review Board was presented with a draft version of the Housing Strategy at the meeting of 29th April 2021 and invited to comment on its content and structure before approving the strategy for final drafting.
- 1.2 Members noted that the provision of additional housing stock was built into the Service plan and they felt that improvement was needed on feedback to tenants and better use of customer surveys.
- 1.3 Members approved the strategy for the purposes of final drafting

2. Progress made

- 2.1 The strategy has now been reviewed, with additions to reflect member's views.
- 2.2 Statistics have also been updated.
- 2.3 Final drafting is now complete and the final strategy is attached as Appendix 1 to this report for member information and final approval.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 That members approve the final Housing Strategy
 - 3.2 That members recommend that Cabinet approve and adopt the Housing Strategy
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Financial implications:

The financial implications are discussed within the body of the report and the Housing strategy will be considered by managers during the budget setting process each year.

Legal implications:

There are no legal implications on which to comment.