

Report of the Chief Executive

HOUSING STRATEGY 2020 - 20241. Purpose of report

To consult with committee about the themes and format of the new Housing Strategy and a timetable for production.

2. Background

The current strategy ends in 2020. A new strategy is required for 2020 -2024.

3. Detail

It is proposed that the strategy is based on the priorities in the Corporate Plan:

- Build more houses, more quickly on under used or derelict land
- Invest to ensure our homes are safe and more energy efficient
- Prevent homelessness and help people to be financially secure and independent

Under these headings the strategy will address current housing issues, such as:

- Welfare Reform, including Universal Credit
- Grenfell Response, including fire safety
- Increase in homelessness
- Lack of funding for external support agencies
- Issues identified in the Social Housing Green Paper

The strategy will also incorporate wider Council priorities, such as:

- Environmental considerations
- Health, including mental health
- Community Safety
- Business Growth

Following the format of the Engagement Strategy and the Neighbourhood Strategy approved last year, the Housing Strategy will contain a detailed action plan for year one of the strategy and a high level action plan for years two to four. It is likely to be an 8-12 page document, detailed enough to set out the housing departments vision and priorities but short enough for employees and other agencies to be encouraged to engage.

A proposed approach and timetable is included in the appendix.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to NOTE on the proposed themes and format.

Background papers

Nil

APPENDIX

Stage	Deadline
Establish initial ideas for inclusion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Housing Strategy 2015 – 2020 to identify what has been achieved if any further actions need to be included in the new strategy • Review recently commissioned reports – including HQN Review of Retirement Living, Social and Affordable Needs Study and Stock Condition Survey • Incorporate actions from other strategies and plans – including Housing Delivery Plan, Engagement Strategy and Neighbourhood Strategy • Use results of Survey of Tenants and Residents (STAR) • Meet with Chair and Vice-Chair of Housing Committee • Desktop review of good practice 	February 2020
Consultation on initial ideas for inclusion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residents – through an online survey and Resident Involvement Group • Housing Employees – consultation meetings for all Housing employees • Other Employees – share ideas with relevant Heads of Service • Members – share ideas with members of the Housing Committee • Stakeholders – partner agencies, registered providers and other Nottinghamshire authorities 	Early March 2020
Review consultation responses	End March 2020
Produce draft	Early April 2020
Produce final document	End April 2020
Submit report for Housing Committee	Early May 2020
Housing Committee meeting	3 June 2020