

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive

HOUSING DELIVERY PLAN UPDATE1. Purpose of report

To update committee on the work to deliver the Housing Delivery Plan (HDP) and to seek approval to the commissioning of feasibility work for the remaining Phase 1 sites.

2. Background and detail

The Housing Delivery Plan was approved by Housing Committee and the Finance and Resources Committee in June and July 2019 respectively. The following workstreams have commenced to deliver Phase 1 of the Housing Delivery Plan:

- Acquisition of former right to buy (RTB) properties - 3 properties have been purchased and a further 4 are in the process of being purchased, with several others in the pipeline.
- New Build Development on Council owned land – 3 sites have been earmarked for the 2019/20 HRA development programme and work is progressing to deliver them. An update on these sites is contained in appendix 1.
- New Build Development on Council owned land - other sites – Phase 1 of the Housing Delivery Plan identified several other HRA owned sites to be developed in the Borough. It is recommended that the Council submit planning applications to redevelop these sites, subject to further feasibility work and following a consultation event with local residents later in the year. A summary of these sites are included in appendix 2.

3. Financial Implications

The 2019/20 capital programme includes £1,604,200 to progress the Housing Delivery Plan schemes 2.1 to 2.2 above. The housing capital receipts available to assist with the financing of the work streams within the phases of the Housing Delivery Plan totalled £4,467,440 at 31 December 2019. These will be enhanced by further receipts from the future sale of council houses.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to RESOLVE that:

- 1) **A consultation exercise be undertaken in 2020 for the sites without planning permission identified in appendix 2, to seek local resident's views,**
- 2) **A delegation be made to the Deputy Chief Executive, following consultation with the chair of housing, to agree the mix of the new housing for the sites identified in appendix 2,**
- 3) **A delegation be made to the Deputy Chief Executive, following consultation with the Chair of Housing, for the Council to submit planning applications for the development of new rented housing on the sites identified in appendix 2,**
- 4) **A delegation be made to the Deputy Chief Executive, following consultation with the Chair of Housing, for all key approvals relating to the assessment of tender returns for the main construction consultants, including qualitative criteria and the subsequent award of these contracts.**

Background papers

Nil