

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).

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;

- 2.1 Acquisition of former right to buy (RTB) properties** - 5 properties have been purchased by the Council since June 2019 and a pipeline of further homes for purchase has being identified. The Chief Executive Officer (using emergency delegated powers) has recently approved the creation of two new temporary posts in legal and housing services (Legal Officer and Housing Acquisition Officer) in order to prioritise the acquisition of more properties.
- 2.2 New Build Development on Council owned land** – 3 sites were identified for the 2019 - 20 HRA development programme and work has progressed to deliver them in 2019/20 and 2020/21. An update on these sites is contained in Appendix 1.
- 2.3 New Build Development on Council owned land - other sites circa 18 homes** – Phase 1 of the Housing Delivery Plan identified several other HRA owned sites to be developed in the Borough between 2020/21 and 2021/22. Work is being undertaken to produce viable schemes for these sites and following this a consultation event will be held later in the year with local residents. A summary of these sites are included in Appendix 2.
- 2.4 New Build Development on privately owned sites** – A number of private sites have been brought to the attention of the Council for possible development for affordable housing. The feasibility of these schemes are being investigated by officers and should any be viable for purchase and development they will be subject to future committee approval.

3. Financial Implications

These are set out in detail in appendix 3.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is asked to NOTE the contents of this report.

Background papers: Housing Committee 5/6/2019 - Housing Delivery Plan
Housing Committee 27/11/19 - Housing Delivery Plan Update
Housing Committee 29/1/20 - Housing Delivery Plan Update