

# DECISION NOTICE

Notice is given that the following decision has been taken under the Provisions set out in the Council's Constitution

**Decision maker:** Cabinet Member for Housing and Jobs

**Date:** 28 July 2014

**Decision in the matter of:** Homelessness Strategy

**Decision:** That

- (1) the Homelessness Strategy and its preliminary findings be noted; and
- (2) approval be given for officers to publicly consult on the draft strategy, before incorporating the responses into the finalised strategy.

**Background:** Local authorities are required to undertake a homelessness review within their area and use the information to formulate a strategy. The homelessness review should look at levels and likely future levels of homelessness, establish the activities which are carried out to prevent homelessness, establish accommodation needs for the homeless and support needs.

The Council's Homelessness Team carried out a review in January 2014. Extensive consultation with statutory and voluntary agencies and as well as service users took place to identify gaps in service and way of improving access to services and this has been fed in to the Strategy and the actions attached.

The Homelessness Strategy is now ready to progress to the consultation stage. Following this 6 week stage any required amendments will be made before bringing for Cabinet approval.

**Background Documents:** Homeless Strategy Portfolio Holder Meeting Report 28 July 14  
Appendix - Homelessness Strategy

**Approved:**

Signed

Councillor Don Stockton (Cabinet Member for Housing and Jobs)

**Date:**

28 July 2014

**Advising  
Officer:**

Signed

Victoria Kell, Homechoice and Homelessness Manager

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**Decision in the matter of:** Macclesfield Town Centre Housing Strategy

**Decision:** That

- (1) the draft Macclesfield Town Centre Housing Strategy and its preliminary findings be noted; and
- (2) approval be given to officers to publicly consult on the draft Strategy for a 4 week period, after which the responses be incorporated into the finalised Strategy.

**Background:** Members of the Macclesfield 'In Town Living project' are currently working to develop a Macclesfield Town Centre Housing Strategy, with the aim of articulating their vision to "bring empty or under-utilised properties back into a useable condition and to stimulate interest to support a rejuvenated town centre."

The Macclesfield Town Centre Housing Strategy has been created as a complementary document to support the Macclesfield Town Centre Plan. The strategy sets out how housing can play its part in the regeneration through encouraging people to move back into use and/or assisting in the conversion of commercial properties into residential use.

The Strategy highlights a wide range of evidence and research on which the Strategic approach has been formulated, including the national picture of the state of Britain's Town Centres, reflecting the local position in Macclesfield. The Strategy outlines the housing needs within the area, drawing on evidence for social and private rented accommodation.

**Background Documents:** Macc Town Centre Housing Strategy Portfolio Holder Meeting Report  
28 July 14

**Approved:** Signed  
Councillor Don Stockton (Cabinet Member for Housing and Jobs)

**Date:** 28 July 2014

**Advising Officer:** Signed  
Karen Carsberg, Strategic Housing Manager