

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, Planning and Regeneration

Date: 16 November 2017

Decision in the matter of: Housing Strategy 2018-2023 - Approval to Consult

Decision: That:

1. The draft Housing Strategy be noted.
2. Officers be authorised to publically consult on the draft housing strategy for a period of 6 weeks, (the proposed consultation is between 27 November 2017 and 8 January 2018) before incorporating the responses into the finalised strategy.
3. Note that following the consultation period the revised strategy will be presented to Cabinet for formal adoption.

Background: The Council is committed to meeting the needs of its local communities and providing the infrastructure, services and facilities required to create sustainable and stronger communities. Part of this is ensuring that the Council has the right housing offer to meet their ambitions for the Council's jobs-led economic growth, but also that they are of the right mix to meet the diverse housing needs across the Borough.

Driven by the Cheshire East Local Plan, the Housing Strategy is a significant contributor to achieving the aims and objectives of the Corporate Plan and the resident focused outcomes. The Council's approach is based upon the continuation and building of strong relationships with their partners to further improve the quality, quantity and choice of housing within Cheshire East, enhancing place and wellbeing, through meeting the aspirations and needs of all Cheshire East residents both now and in the future.

The draft Housing Strategy has been developed through informal engagement with a host of internal and external stakeholders, in

preparation for approval to formally consult which will enable a wide ranging number of individuals and organisations to contribute to support the Council's aims and objectives.

Since the publication of the Council's previous Housing Strategy in 2011, there have been significant changes to the local and national political, policy and funding landscape. This new Strategy reflects these changes, and is underpinned by the Council's Local Plan, supportive policies and strategies which will enable the priorities for housing within the Borough to be achieved.

Central to making this Housing Strategy a success is to ensure the Council effectively plan, measure and monitor how they will deliver the priorities detailed within this document, which will be achieved through an agreed Delivery Plan, a tool to help deliver the strategy. The Delivery Plan will be subject to annual reviews during the lifetime of the Strategy, ensuring the priorities remains relevant and their delivery is continually monitored.

In accordance with the Local Government Act 2003 Section 87, the Council published a Housing Strategy in 2011, which set out its vision for housing in the borough. While the Deregulation Act 2015 abolished the statutory requirement for English authorities to produce a housing strategy as previously required, the aim of the new Housing Strategy 2018-2023 is to support the priorities for housing in Cheshire East over the next five years, across all tenures to meet housing need. It will contribute to the Council's overarching strategic objectives.

Background Documents:

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer.

Approved:

Signed
Councillor Ainsley Arnold (Cabinet Member for Housing, Planning and Regeneration)

Date:

16th November 2017

Advising Officer:

Signed
Gerard Buckley (Housing Planning Officer)