

**INFRASTRUCTURE, HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
11 AUGUST 2020**

PART I - DELEGATED

**6. HOUSING, HOMELESSNESS AND ROUGH SLEEPING STRATEGY
(DCES)**

1 Summary

1.1 The Housing, Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2017-22, developed through consultation with partners, stakeholders and residents, sets out the key issues, challenges and priorities relating to the delivery of housing and housing-related services in the district over the five year period.

1.2 An annual review is required of the Housing, Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy, with particular focus on the Action Plan. A review was completed of the existing objectives and individual aims, reviewing progress and target completion dates and making any necessary changes in our approach to new or changing challenges and issues we face in the housing and homelessness sector.

2 Details

2.1 The review of the Strategy also involved ensuring the information and content within the Strategy is current and relevant in a local context and the issues facing the wider housing and homelessness sector.

2.2 This includes reviewing the following:

2.3 The impact that relevant Government policy and recent legislation in the wider context of housing and homelessness has had on the Service and our customers. This in particular includes the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017.

2.4 Relevant information and content to ensure the Strategy continues to be fit for purpose in a local context.

2.5 Information and content relevant to the three key priorities (prevent and relieve homelessness, increase the supply of accommodation, including temporary accommodation and improve the standard of housing across the district) and related objectives.

3 Options and Reasons for Recommendations

3.1 It is recommended the Committee agree the updated strategy to ensure the Council responds to current housing needs and priorities.

4 Policy/Budget Reference and Implications

4.1 The recommendations in this report are within the Council's agreed policy and budgets. The relevant policy is entitled the Council's Strategic Plan.

4.2 The recommendations in this report relate to the achievement of the following performance indicators.

4.2.1 HN01 - Maximum number of households living in temporary accommodation on the last day of the quarter (snapshot)

- 4.2.2 HN02- Maximum number of families in Bed & Breakfast for more than six weeks
- 4.2.3 HN03- Maximum number of households in temporary accommodation throughout the year
- 4.2.4 HN06- Promote access to private sector lettings through RDGS
- 4.2.5 HN10- Number of households prevented from becoming homeless

5 Financial, Legal, Staffing, Environmental, Community Safety, Public Health, Customer Services Centre, Communications & Website, Risk Management and Health & Safety Implications

5.1 None specific.

6 Equal Opportunities Implications

6.1 Relevance Test

Has a relevance test been completed for Equality Impact?	Yes / No
Did the relevance test conclude a full impact assessment was required?	Yes / No

6.2 Impact Assessment

Our strategy is fully inclusive of all individuals and provides a fair and equal service to all service users. Following analysis of the evidence we would deduce that there is no impact on any of the groups that come under the umbrella of the protected characteristics. The impact assessment was completed on the original strategy.

7 Recommendation

7.1 That the Committee agree the updated strategy to ensure the Council responds to current housing needs and priorities.

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Data Quality

Data sources: not applicable

Data checked by: not applicable

Data rating:

1	Poor	
2	Sufficient	
3	High	

APPENDICES / ATTACHMENTS

Appendix one: Housing, Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2017-2022, updated June 2020