



URGENT CABINET MEMBER DECISION

Decision:

That approval is given for the draft Housing Strategy and draft Action Plan to be published for wider consultation for a period of 6 weeks from the 14th September 2017.

(1) Details of Decision

To seek approval for the draft Housing Strategy and draft Action Plan to be published for wider consultation following comments received preceding and at Cabinet on 7th September 2017.

(2) Considerations/Evidence

Since the repeal of section 87 of the Local Government Act 2003 on 26 May 2015 there has been neither a statutory or regulatory provision imposing a requirement to have a Housing Strategy, however, it is nevertheless recognised as best practice to do so.

An initial Equality Impact Analysis has been carried out and we have identified that the Housing Strategy will have a positive impact on older persons and people with disabilities. At this stage, we do not know the full extent of this impact. We will, therefore, actively seek to directly consult with these identified groups through the consultation process.

(3) Reasons for Decision:

The current Housing Strategy for South Kesteven lasts up to 2018.

Two Housing Summits were held at the start of the year to consider the changing national housing environment, as well as the specific challenges facing the South Kesteven housing market.

A key challenge is the decline in the number of new homes being constructed against a growing and ageing population.

The Communities and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the contents of the draft Housing Strategy (HS1) on the 11th July and endorsed a series of roundtables with key sectors of the housing industry.

A series of five housing roundtable discussions were held between 17th and 31st July, involving Developers, Registered Providers, Other Local Authorities,

Landowners and Landlords.

The Communities and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered a second draft of the Housing Strategy (HS2) on 5th September and recommended that draft for wider consultation.

Report HS3 was considered by Cabinet on the 7th September.

In the run up to Cabinet, and during its meeting on the 7th September, Cabinet Members and those other Members in attendance provided comments on the Housing Strategy.

These changes are reflected in the updated draft Housing Strategy and Action Plan.

Conflicts of Interest

(Any conflict of interest declared by any other Cabinet Member consulted in relation to the decision to be recorded).

NONE

Dispensations

(Any dispensation granted by the Monitoring Officer in respect of any declared conflict of interest to be noted).

NONE

Decision taken by:

Name: Councillor Nick Neilson
Cabinet Member for Communities and Wellbeing

Date of Decision: 12 September 2017

Date of Publication of Record of Decision: 12 September 2017

Date decision effective: 12 September 2017

Decision taken under special urgency provision by an individual Cabinet Member to allow for the timetable for the consultation period to commence from 14th September 2017 following comments

made at the Cabinet meeting on 7th September 2017. The decision is not subject to the call-in procedure.