

## STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL

AGENDA

ITEM NO

## HOUSING COMMITTEE

11 DECEMBER 2018

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<b>Report Title</b>	<b>HOUSING STRATEGY 2019 - 2024</b>
<b>Purpose of Report</b>	To approve the new draft housing strategy prior to consultation.
<b>Decision(s)</b>	<p><b>The Committee RESOLVES to:</b></p> <p><b>(1) Endorse the draft Housing Strategy for public consultation; and</b></p> <p><b>(2) Grant delegated authority to the Policy Implementation Manager to make minor textual changes to the document prior to the commencement of consultation</b></p>
<b>Consultation and Feedback</b>	Consultation will take place in early 2019, pending the approval of this consultation draft.
<b>Financial Implications and Risk Assessment</b>	<p>There are no financial implications arising directly from this report. Should any actions require funding outside of the approved budget, a separate report would need to be taken to Council to allocate funding.</p> <p>Lucy Clothier, Principal Accountant Tel: 01453 754343 Email: <a href="mailto:lucy.clothier@stroud.gov.uk">lucy.clothier@stroud.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Having an adopted Housing Strategy in place helps mitigate risk by co-ordinating the Council's housing activities and monitoring actions.</p>
<b>Legal Implications</b>	<p>The Council as local strategic housing authority needs a current Housing Strategy to inform future housing needs for the district and enable future new supply. This strategy is useful to monitor and manage housing provision.</p> <p>Nicola Swan, Interim Head of Legal &amp; Monitoring Officer Tel: 01453 754369 Email: <a href="mailto:nicola.swan@stroud.gov.uk">nicola.swan@stroud.gov.uk</a></p>
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<b>Options</b>	The council could choose to not update the current housing strategy. However, the council has previously fulfilled a statutory duty to periodically review the housing needs of its area and to formulate and publish a housing strategy.
<b>Performance Management Follow Up</b>	A further report will be brought to Housing Committee to approve the completed Housing Strategy prior to publication.
<b>Background Papers/ Appendices</b>	Housing Strategy 2015 – 19 <a href="https://www.stroud.gov.uk/housing/housing-strategy">https://www.stroud.gov.uk/housing/housing-strategy</a> Appendix A: Draft Housing Strategy 2019 - 2024

## **1. INTRODUCTION / BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 Accessible, affordable and safe housing forms a fundamental part of the wellbeing of all communities and the life chances of every individual. To this end, there is a raft of statutory duties relating to the housing activities that councils must undertake.
- 1.2 The Housing Strategy is the Council's overarching document that seeks to reflect the range of housing interventions that the Council takes part in, and set the direction of travel for housing-related services in future through the action planning process.

## **2. ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION**

- 2.1 The previous Housing Strategy is now out of date, and given the rapid legislative, policy and economic changes that have taken place in the last five years in this sector, an update is appropriate.

## **3. CONCLUSION / RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 Members are invited to approve this draft of the Housing Strategy prior to it being made available for public consultation. This consultation will be carried out via the Council's website and will be publicised via a press release and using the Council's social media channels.
- 3.2 Consultation responses from Members, colleagues and the public would be warmly welcomed.