

WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

HOUSING OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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Title:

**WAVERLEY DRAFT HOUSING STRATEGY- 2018-2023
STRATEGIC HOUSING AND DELIVERY**

**[Portfolio Holder: Cllr Carole King]
[Wards Affected: All]**

Summary and purpose:

This report introduces the document, 'Housing Need and Local Affordability Analysis', which is the background to the draft Housing Strategy for Waverley. The proposed Housing Strategy will set out our priorities and goals for the next 5 years. Views and comments are sought from the Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee, as part of the consultation and development of the Strategy.

How this report relates to the Council's Corporate Priorities:

This report relates to the Council's Community Wellbeing priority.

Financial Implications:

Any additional costs are set out in the action plan.

Legal Implications:

There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

Introduction

1. This draft strategy sets out goals and proposes an action plan for the council's Strategic Housing and Delivery services for the next 5 years. The document, 'Housing Need and Local Affordability Analysis' gives a detailed picture of the affordability problem that affects the Borough and highlights the urgent need for a strategic approach to meet housing need.
2. The Council's Strategic Housing and Delivery services comprises of:
 - a. Housing Strategy and Enabling
 - b. Housing Delivery of council new build affordable housing
 - c. Housing Needs
 - d. Private Sector Housing

The Strategy

3. This draft strategy sets out our Strategic Housing and Delivery objectives for the next five years. It sets the scene for affordable housing, by placing the strategy in the

context of current policy and practice as well as providing an overview of current funding.

4. Consultation has been carried out via Waverley Homes and People, Making Waves and Survey Monkey. Additionally, officers have met with our Housing Association partners to collect data about the main issues affecting affordable housing delivery in the borough.
5. As a result of this consultation, the overarching goal for every Waverley resident to have a decent, sustainable and affordable HOME is proposed, to be achieved under the following objectives:
 - a. To increase the delivery of high quality, affordable HOUSING
 - b. To OPTIMISE social and economic well being
 - c. To MAKE best use of existing homes
 - d. To ENGAGE with partners to achieve our joint aims.
6. A draft SMART action plan sets out how these goals can be achieved. A SMART action plan is Specific, Measurable, Agreed, Realistic and Time Bound.
7. The strategy will be reviewed and action plans updated on an annual basis.
8. Members of the Committee will receive a brief presentation on the background document to the Strategy: 'Housing Need and Local Affordability Analysis', as well an introduction to the proposed Strategy's five goals.
9. The full draft Strategy will be scrutinised by members of the Committee and a report and final draft Strategy presented to the Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee in March.

Recommendation

The Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider and comment on the document, 'Housing Need and Local Affordability Analysis' and approve the appointment of members of the group to scrutinize the draft Housing Strategy.

Background Papers

There are no background papers (as defined by Section 100D(5) of the Local Government Act 1972) relating to this report.

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