

# **WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## **HOUSING OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**20 MARCH 2018**

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### **Title:**

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

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

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### **Summary and purpose:**

This report presents a revised Housing Strategy for Strategic Housing and Delivery, following comments received after a presentation to the Committee on 30 January 2018. The aspiration is for this Strategy to be submitted to the Executive on 10 April 2018 before being formally adopted by the Council.

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### **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.

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### **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 service comprises:
  - a. Housing Strategy and Enabling
  - b. Housing Delivery of council new build affordable housing
  - c. Housing Needs
  - d. Private Sector Housing

### **The Strategy**

3. The draft Strategy sets out the Strategic Housing and Delivery objectives for the next five years, and 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 and Parish Council 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 well designed, well built, 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. Officers will meet to update the action plan on a quarterly basis.
7. The strategy will be reviewed by the Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee on an annual basis.

### **Recommendation**

The Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to endorse the attached housing strategy before it goes onto Executive in April.

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### **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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