

Meeting: Cabinet

Date: 21 November 2023

Wards affected: All Wards

Report Title: Amendment to the Housing Strategy 2023-2030

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1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The Housing Strategy 2023 – 2030 was approved by Council in March 2023. It is available on our website: www.torbay.gov.uk/housing-strategy
- 1.2 The data on which the Housing Strategy is based on is still valid, but as the draft Community and Corporate Plan has been prepared some alterations to the Strategy have been proposed to bring it in line with the emerging Plan.
- 1.3 As part of the Policy Framework, amendments to the Housing Strategy need to be subject to consultation and to this end the Chief Executive made a decision on 5 October 2023 to launch that consultation.

2. Reason for Proposal and its benefits

- 2.1 The proposals in this report ensure that the Housing Strategy aligns with the emerging Community and Corporate Plan.
- 2.2 The reason for the decision is to ensure the Council's Policy Framework is coherent and consistent.

3. Recommendation(s) / Proposed Decision

- 3.1 That, subject to any adverse consultation results being received by the close of the consultation, the Council be recommended to approve the amendments to the Housing Strategy as shown in Appendix 1.
- 3.2 That the Director of Pride in Place consider, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing, Finance and Corporate Services, whether any further amendments to the Housing Strategy are required ahead of a final report being submitted to the Council.

Supporting Information

Introduction

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- 1.4 Consultation of the proposed changes to the Strategy took place between 13 October and 24 November 2023. This report includes the feedback from the consultation up to 17 November 2023 and any further feedback will be reported to the Cabinet at its meeting.

2. Options under consideration

- 2.1 The alternative option would be to make no changes to the Housing Strategy. However this would result in inconsistencies between the Strategy and the emerging Community and Corporate Plan.

3. Financial Opportunities and Implications

- 3.1 There are no financial opportunities or implications arising from the proposed change in the Housing Strategy.

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 There are no legal implications arising from the recommendation.

5. Engagement and Consultation

- 5.1 Consultation on the proposed change to the Housing Strategy was undertaken between 13 October and 24 November 2022. The consultation was promoted via the Council's social media channels and through articles in One Torbay (our weekly e-newsletter).
- 5.2 141 people visited at least one page of the consultation website, with 7 contributing to the poll on the proposed change to the Strategy. 44 people were "informed" in that they downloaded a document from the website or visited multiple pages.

5.3 The consultation poll asked:

Do you agree with the proposed alterations to the Housing Strategy?

6 people (100%) agreed with the alterations

(1 person skipped the question)

6. Purchasing or Hiring of Goods and/or Services

6.1 Not applicable

7. Tackling Climate Change

7.1 The Housing Strategy includes the cross-cutting principle of tackling climate change.

8. Associated Risks

8.1 There are no risks associated with this recommendation.

9. Equality Impacts - Identify the potential positive and negative impacts on specific groups

	Positive Impact	Negative Impact & Mitigating Actions	Neutral Impact
Older or younger people			There is no differential impact.
People with caring Responsibilities			There is no differential impact.
People with a disability			There is no differential impact.
Women or men			There is no differential impact.
People who are black or from a minority ethnic background (BME) (Please note Gypsies / Roma are within this community)			There is no differential impact.
Religion or belief (including lack of belief)			There is no differential impact.

People who are lesbian, gay or bisexual			There is no differential impact.
People who are transgendered			There is no differential impact.
People who are in a marriage or civil partnership			There is no differential impact.
Women who are pregnant / on maternity leave			There is no differential impact.
Socio-economic impacts (Including impact on child poverty issues and deprivation)			There is no differential impact.
Public Health impacts (How will your proposal impact on the general health of the population of Torbay)			There is no differential impact.

10. Cumulative Council Impact

10.1 None

11. Cumulative Community Impacts

11.1 None