

Meeting: Leader of the Council

Date: 19th May 2020

Wards Affected: All

Report Title: Housing Strategy Delivery Plan

Is the decision a key decision? No

When does the decision need to be implemented?

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1. Proposal and Introduction

- 1.1 On 27th February 2020 the Council approved the Housing Strategy and recommended that the Director of Place be instructed to work with housing partners to develop a Housing Strategy Delivery Plan for approval by the Cabinet.
- 1.2 Appendix 1 sets out the Housing Strategy Delivery Plan for approval.

2. Reason for Proposal and associated financial commitments

- 2.1 The Housing Strategy was a high level document based around the priorities within the Partnership Agreement, the subsequent Housing Strategy Delivery Plan provides the details of how the Council will work on delivering the strategy in accordance with the Council's principles.
- 2.2 The proposals contained in this report do not commit the Council financially, other than within existing budgets. Due consideration will be given to the financial impacts of each aspect of the Housing Strategy's Delivery Plan as individual work-streams are progressed and further/separate budget decision may follow as a consequence.

3. Recommendation(s) / Proposed Decision

- (i) That Appendix 1 – Housing Strategy Delivery Plan 2020 ~ 2025 Version 1, be approved.
- (ii) That authority is delegated to the Assistant Director of Planning, Housing & Climate Change, in consultation with Cabinet Member for Economic

Regeneration, Tourism and Housing, to agree the final details of the Housing Strategy Delivery Plan, including in-year adjustments to help progress housing delivery.

- (iii) That, the Housing Strategy Delivery Plan will be formally reviewed on an annual basis, through an appropriate level of consultation, with updates agreed and a refreshed version published as necessary.

Appendices

Appendix 1: Housing Strategy Delivery Plan Version 1 2020 ~ 2025

Background Documents

Housing Strategy approved on by Council on 27 February 2020.

Report Clearance

Report clearance:	This report has been reviewed and approved by:	Date:
Chief Executive	Steve Parrock	
Monitoring Officer	Anne-Marie Bond	
Chief Finance Officer	Martin Phillips	
Relevant Director/Assistant Director	Kevin Mowat	

Section 1: Background Information

1.	<p>What is the proposal / issue?</p> <p>The proposed Housing Strategy Delivery Plan supports the delivery of the ambitions, aims and objectives of the Housing Strategy and has been developed in conjunction with our housing partners to ensure that the Plan is a collaborative document, with support from those responsible for all aspects of housing in Torbay.</p>
2.	<p>What is the current situation?</p> <p>On 27th February 2020 the Council approved the Housing Strategy and recommended that the Director of Place be instructed to work with housing partners to develop a Housing Strategy Delivery Plan 2020 ~ 2025.</p> <p>The appended Housing Strategy Delivery Plan has been developed in consultation with the Council's housing partners.</p>
3.	<p>What options have been considered?</p> <p>The Housing Strategy Delivery Plan which is being put forward for consideration has been developed with housing partners.</p> <p>No other option has been considered, whilst doing nothing is an option such a course of action would result in the Council being unable to deliver on the strategic direction set out in the Housing Strategy.</p>
4.	<p>What is the relationship with the priorities within the Partnership Memorandum and the Council's Principles?</p> <p>The Housing Strategy Delivery Plan provides details of how the Council will work on delivering the Housing Strategy which was based around the priorities within the Partnership Agreement, in particular the 'Thriving People and Communities' and 'A Thriving Economy' priorities. The Housing Strategy Delivery Plan also support the Council's Principle in relation to reducing demand through prevention and innovation.</p> <p>In the Council's 'Community and Corporate Plan 2019 – 2023', the ambition for Torbay makes reference to a place that has affordable housing for its residents. The Plan also identifies opportunities and challenges, which include the need for housing growth. Furthermore, within the vision statement under 'Thriving People' the Plan clearly states that the Council will 'Improve the delivery, affordability and quality of housing'.</p>

5.	<p>How does this proposal/issue contribute towards the Council's responsibilities as corporate parents?</p> <p>In drafting the Housing Strategy Delivery Plan, full consideration has been given to the impact of housing on children, in particular those who are 'Looked After' or identified as being in need of 'Care and Protection'. As well as addressing the needs of those children that are leaving care.</p>
6.	<p>How does this proposal/issue tackle poverty, deprivation and vulnerability?</p> <p>The Housing Strategy Delivery Plan recognises and attempts to address the impact that poor housing has on our population. Endeavouring to ensure that all our residents have access to good quality homes, which are affordable and meet their particular needs. This is a vital part of tackling poverty, deprivation and vulnerability.</p>
7.	<p>How does the proposal/issue impact on people with learning disabilities?</p> <p>In drafting the Housing Strategy Delivery Plan, full consideration has been given to the impact of housing on people with learning disabilities.</p>
8.	<p>Who will be affected by this proposal and who do you need to consult with? How will the Council engage with the community? How can the Council empower the community?</p> <p>The Housing Strategy was the subject of a full public consultation exercise, which took place between 17th December 2019 and 31st January 2020. During the consultation period a Strategic Housing Stakeholder Event was held which included a range of partner organisations. Held in a workshop format the event was attended by 34 people. The aim of the event was to test the proposals within the Strategy and to identify actions to deliver the priorities. Other consultation and engagement activity included online consultation, Facebook Live (#YOurTQs) and Cabinet Conversation. Those housing related partners who attended the Strategic Housing Stakeholder Event have also been consulted on this Housing Strategy Delivery Plan. The Delivery Plan includes actions for housing partners so that the Council is able to empower the community.</p>

Section 2: Implications and Impact Assessment

9.	What are the financial and legal implications? The proposals contained in this report do not commit the Council financially, other than within existing budgets. Due consideration will be given to the financial impacts of each aspect of the Housing Strategy Delivery Plan as individual work-streams are progressed.
10.	What are the risks? The Housing Strategy provided a coherent direction of travel in relation to housing in Torbay but the Housing Strategy Delivery Plan sets out how and when the strategic objectives will be achieved.
11.	Public Services Value (Social Value) Act 2012 Not applicable.
12.	What evidence / data / research have you gathered in relation to this proposal? Feedback was gathered during the Housing Strategy consultation period and subsequent consultation, with partners, on the detailed Delivery Plan.
13.	What are key findings from the consultation you have carried out? There was broad and significant support for more affordable housing and for the development of more social housing.
14.	Amendments to Proposal / Mitigating Actions The draft Housing Strategy Delivery Plan has evolved to reflect relevant and appropriate feedback provided by the public, partner organisations and other stakeholders.

Equality Impacts

15.	Identify the potential positive and negative impacts on specific groups			
		Positive Impact	Negative Impact & Mitigating Actions	Neutral Impact
	Older or younger people	The aim of the Housing Strategy Delivery Plan is to have a positive impact on this group through delivering more affordable homes, in high quality mixed developments.		
	People with caring Responsibilities	The aim of the Housing Strategy Delivery Plan is to have a positive impact on this group.		
	People with a disability	The aim of the Housing Strategy Delivery Plan is to have a positive impact on this group through the delivery of additional extra care housing and specialist accommodation for people with autism. In addition, we will implement a “Promoting Independence at Home” delivery plan.		
	Women or men	The aim of the Housing Strategy Delivery Plan is to have a positive impact on this group.		
	People who are black or from a minority ethnic background (BME) <i>(Please</i>	The aim of the Housing Strategy Delivery Plan is to have a positive impact on this group.		

<i>note Gypsies / Roma are within this community)</i>			
Religion or belief (including lack of belief)	The aim of the Housing Strategy Delivery Plan is to have a positive impact on this group.		
People who are lesbian, gay or bisexual	The aim of the Housing Strategy Delivery Plan is to have a positive impact on this group.		
People who are transgendered	The aim of the Housing Strategy Delivery Plan is to have a positive impact on this group.		
People who are in a marriage or civil partnership	The aim of the Housing Strategy Delivery Plan is to have a positive impact on this group.		
Women who are pregnant / on maternity leave	The aim of the Housing Strategy Delivery Plan is to have a positive impact on this group.		
Socio-economic impacts (Including impact on child poverty issues and deprivation)	The aim of the Housing Strategy Delivery Plan is to have a positive socio-economic impact. The Plan aims to increase the overall supply and range of housing in Torbay, that it is affordable and meets people's needs, and that the quality of the housing is improved.		
Public Health impacts (How will your proposal impact on the general health of the population of Torbay)	The aim of the Housing Strategy Delivery Plan is to have a positive impact on the general health of the population of Torbay. The Strategy recognises that the availability and quality of housing		

		has a significant effect on people's health and wellbeing.		
16.	Cumulative Impacts – Council wide (proposed changes elsewhere which might worsen the impacts identified above)	The Housing Strategy forms one element of the Council's Policy Framework. Successful implementation of the Housing Strategy Delivery Plan will have a positive effect on the residents within Torbay. The actions within the Plan will sit alongside a range of actions from other Strategies – such as the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy, the Economic Strategy, the Children and Young People's Plan and the Local Plan.		
17.	Cumulative Impacts – Other public services (proposed changes elsewhere which might worsen the impacts identified above)	We will continue to work with our partners in the public, private and voluntary sectors to ensure that Torbay and its communities thrive. The Housing Strategy Delivery Plan will be delivered in partnership.		