

Bolsover District Council

Executive

2nd March 2015

Economic Development and Housing Strategy 2015 -2020

Report of the Deputy Leader and Executive Member with responsibility for Housing.

This report is public

Purpose of the Report

- To provide the final version of the Council's Housing and Economic Development Strategy 2015 – 2020 (appendix 1) to members and to seek their endorsement of the strategy.
- To approve the allocation of funding for the production of four Regeneration Frameworks for the district.

1 Report Details

- 1.1 The Council has developed in house a new five year Economic Development and Housing Strategy for the period 2015 – 2020.

This brings together two key work areas for the Council (Housing and Economic Development) into a single over arching document and will provide the strategic framework needed to ensure that the Council:

- meets its statutory duties as the Housing Authority (to plan to assess and meet housing need in the area) and
- meets the Corporate Plan aim: To enhance and improve the wealth profile, well-being and quality of life for the communities of Bolsover district.

The draft Strategy also builds on and underpins the Council's Growth Strategy that was adopted in 2014, and ensures alignment with national and sub national strategies and their funding priorities.

The attached Economic Development and Housing Strategy has been informed by a robust evidence base and shaped by wider consultation leading to the endorsement of the following key Strategic Objectives and cross cutting themes:

Strategic Objectives

1. Supporting enterprise: Maintaining and Growing the business base
2. Maximising employment, skills and training opportunities
3. Enabling Housing Growth

4. Unlocking Development Potential – unlocking the capacity of major employment sites
5. Town Centres: realise the vitality and viability of Town Centres
6. Developing the rural and visitor economy
7. Enabling people to live in and sustain their own homes
8. Prevent and reduce homelessness

The Cross Cutting Themes

1. Equality
2. Welfare Reform
3. Design Quality
4. Marketing
5. Health

- 1.2 Consultation feedback captured has fully endorsed the aims of the strategy.

2 Conclusions and Reasons for Recommendation

- 2.1 That the new priorities for the Economic Development and Housing Strategy be accepted.

3 Consultation and Equality Impact

- 3.1 The draft Strategy has been developed following a period of consultation which took place from 20th November 2014 to 9th January 2015. Consultation included the following:

- Online link from the Council’s website to the consultation
- The Bolsover Partnership consultation event
- Members event in Jan 2015
- Parish Councillors in December 2014
- Various stakeholder events
- Presentation to Business Networks
- An e bulletin to Business contacts with a link to the strategy and feedback form.
- A presentation to North Derbyshire and Bassetlaw HMA Registered Provider Forum
- Presentation to Bolsover tenant and residents representatives
- Internal meetings including Growth Directorate Management meeting

- 3.2 An EIA has been completed.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 4.1 There is the option not to adopt this Economic Development and Housing Strategy but this is not recommended as the Council may fail in its statutory duty on Housing (i.e. to plan for meeting housing need) and will not have the appropriate framework in place to meet the agreed corporate priorities.

5 **Implications**

The production of the Strategy will provide a robust to meet the district's housing and economic needs and in doing so contribute to growth within the district. Without such a framework key actions and opportunities may be missed resulting in loss of new homes bonus and employment and business opportunities developed locally.

The Strategy outlines mechanisms for maximising funding and grant opportunities to enable the delivery of the key strategic objectives in 1.1.

5.1 **Finance and Risk Implications**

A procurement process will be required to finance the proposed Regeneration Frameworks outlined in the strategy for the four towns of: Bolsover, Clowne, Shirebrook and South Normanton. This procurement process will be delivered as part of the Councils agreed procedures. The funding requested for the four Regeneration Frameworks is up to £90,000. These costs will be met from the Transformation Reserve. It is anticipated that that should the Council be successful in securing additional erdf funding for the Bolsover town centre project then this could offset some of the budget. There are no further financial or risk implications other that outlined in 4 above.

5.2 **Legal Implications including Data Protection**

The development of this strategy will ensure that the Council meets its obligations as the Housing Authority. There are no further legal or data protection issues.

5.3 **Human Resources Implications**

The delivery of the Strategy will be facilitated and supported by the Economic Growth Team in partnership with internal and external partners and stakeholders.

6 **Recommendations**

- 6.1 That Executive endorses the Economic Development and Housing Strategy.
- 6.2 That Executive approves the allocation of £90,000, from the Transformation Reserve for the production of four Regeneration Frameworks for the District.

7 **Decision Information**

Is the decision a Key Decision? (A Key Decision is one which results in income or expenditure to the Council of £50,000 or more or which has a significant impact on two or more District wards)	Yes
District Wards Affected	All
Links to Corporate Plan priorities	Links to the Corporate Plan – supports

or Policy Framework	Community Safety, Social Inclusion, Regeneration and Enterprise
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8 Document Information

Appendix No	Title
1.	Draft Economic Development and Housing Strategy 2015 – 2020 – Separately Bound Document
2.	Housing Action Plan
3.	Economic Development Action Plan
4.	Equality Impact Assessment
Background Papers (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet (NEDDC) or Executive (BDC) you must provide copies of the background papers)	
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