

Bolsover District Council

**Extraordinary Meeting of the Customer Services Scrutiny Committee
on 22nd April 2024**

Development of the Housing Strategy 2024-2029

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Housing

Classification	This report is Public
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PURPOSE / SUMMARY OF REPORT

- To inform Scrutiny of the development of the Housing Strategy 2024-2029.
- To receive Member oversight of the timeframes, proposed content, and further planned Scrutiny and public consultation

REPORT DETAILS

1. Background

- 1.1 The Council's current Housing Strategy 2021-24 is due to expire in 2024 and as such a revised strategy is required. Officers propose to run the incoming strategy from 2024-2029 to ensure that it covers the Council Plan 2024-28 but also takes the Council beyond this point, allowing the incoming Council in 2027 to formulate their new Council Plan. Furthermore, having a plan that covers a longer period will allow us to align with existing district and countywide strategies.
- 1.2 The Strategy forms a plan on how the Council will work with partners in the public, private and voluntary sectors to enable housing growth across all sectors, and the quality and range of housing to meet the resident's needs of the district, including housing and support for the most vulnerable.

1.3 The strategy will also have a key role in helping to secure potential external funding for housing related projects across the district.

1.4 For the purposes of this report and Strategy the Housing Strategy Team constitutes the following officers:

- Assistant Director of Housing Management and Enforcement
- Assistant Director of Planning and Planning Policy
- Housing Strategy and Development Officer
- Housing Services Manager
- Housing Options Manager
- Senior Devolution Lead for Planning Policy, Strategic Growth and Housing
- Principal Planning Policy Officer

2. Details of Proposal or Information

2.1 The Council's outgoing Housing Strategy 2021-2024 identifies the following key strategic housing priorities to address the challenges highlighted by national and local policy and data:

- Key Priority 1 – Providing Good Quality Housing
- Key Priority 2 – Enabling Housing Growth
- Key Priority 3 – Supporting Vulnerable and Disadvantaged People.

2.2 The table below shows the potential timeframes for the development and implementation of the new strategy; however this may be subject to change pending the completion of external data assessments/housing needs analysis and the level of engagement during the consultation period.

Action	Involvement/Responsibility	Planned Dates/Deadlines
Collating information and determining Housing Priorities/Strategy contents	Portfolio Holder - Housing Councillors/ Housing Strategy Team/ Environmental Health Team	4 th March – 31 st May 2024
Local Housing Needs Study (joint with Chesterfield Borough Council)	Planning Policy and Housing Strategy Team	1 st February 2024 – 7 th June 2024
Development/finalisation of the Draft Strategy	Housing Strategy Team working closely with Portfolio Holder - Housing	3 rd June – 12 th July
Scrutiny consultation	Housing Strategy Team	15 th July 2024
Final draft consultation with stakeholders – mixture of online survey and face to face workshops.	Stakeholders - partner/public /internal – see Appendix 2	16 th July 2024 – 9 th August 2024 Specific dates: Tenant Participation Review and

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		Development Group – 16 th July Parish Council Liaison – 22 nd July Councillors Workshop – 31 st July
Consultation analysis and strategy amendments where necessary	Housing Strategy Team	1 st August 2024 – 18 th September 2024
Presentation of working draft and consultation results to Senior Leadership Team	Assistant Director of Housing Management and Enforcement/ Assistant Director of Planning and Planning Policy	5 th September 2024
Executive Report and Papers to Governance	Housing Strategy Team	11 th September 2024
Scrutiny after any amendments due to consultation (<i>only if required</i>)	Housing Strategy Team	16 th September 2024
Executive Pre Meeting	Portfolio Holder - Housing	18 th September 2024
Deadline for any final amendments prior to committee publication	Housing Strategy Team	26 th September 2024
Executive Meeting	Portfolio Holder - Housing	7 th October 2024
Council Meeting	Portfolio Holder - Housing	9 th October 2024
<i>If Agreed at Council:</i> Implementation date – Circulate and publicise	Housing Strategy Team	9 th October 2024

This will be supported by fortnightly meetings by the Housing Strategy Team to review and progress.

- 2.4 Outstanding actions from the Housing Strategy 2021-24, will be taken into consideration as part of the development process for the replacement strategy.
- 2.5 Attached at Appendix 1 is an outline structure for the new strategy based on the recently approved council plan Bolsover District The Future 2024-2028, and our wider policy framework at national and local level.

3. Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 The Housing Strategy forms part of the Council's Budget and Policy Framework and is considered a key strategic driver for the future of the district.
- 3.2 Scrutiny on the development of the revised strategy for 2024-2029 forms a core role of the Customer Services Scrutiny Committee.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 4.1 The alternative option is to not have a Housing Strategy; however this was rejected as the Strategy sets out a clear housing plan, which will be a key driver for Housing growth in the district.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. That the Customer Services Scrutiny Committee note the proposed outline structure of the new strategy and provide comment on the proposals, timetable and the planned consultation.

Approved by Councillor Sandra Peake, Portfolio Holder for Housing

IMPLICATIONS:

Finance and Risk: Yes No

Details: None from this specific report.

On behalf of the Section 151 Officer

Legal (including Data Protection): Yes No

Details: None from this report. The Strategy once complete and approved forms part of the Budget & Policy Framework. The Strategy will have due regard to local and national policy and be compliant with legislation, including data protection laws.

On behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

Environment: Yes No

Please identify (if applicable) how this proposal / report will help the Authority meet its carbon neutral target or enhance the environment.

Details: It is proposed that the Housing Strategy 2024-2029 will support achievement of the Councils carbon reduction target through improvements to council stock; build quality of new homes and improvements to the property standards in the private sector.

Staffing: Yes No

Details: Existing employees will develop and implement the Strategy, therefore there are no Human Resources implications.

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

DECISION INFORMATION

<p>Is the decision a Key Decision? A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds:</p> <p>Revenue - £75,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £150,000 <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i></p>	No
<p>Is the decision subject to Call-In? <i>(Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</i></p>	No

<p>District Wards Significantly Affected</p>	All indirectly
<p>Consultation: Leader / Deputy Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Executive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SLT <input type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Members <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Details: Ward Members consulted on original strategy.</p>

<p>Links to Council Aims: Customers, Economy, Environment and Housing.</p>
<p>The Strategy links to all the corporate aims:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Customers by providing excellent and accessible services • Our Economy by driving growth, promoting the District and being business and visitor friendly • Our Environment by protecting the quality of life for residents and businesses, meeting environmental challenges and enhancing biodiversity • Our Housing by delivering social and private sector housing growth

<p>DOCUMENT INFORMATION</p>	
<p>Appendix No</p>	<p>Title</p>
<p>1.</p>	<p>Outline structure of Housing Strategy 2024-2029</p>
<p>2.</p>	<p>Stakeholder Analysis</p>

<p>Background Papers</p>
<p><i>(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 Executive you must provide copies of the background papers).</i></p>
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