

**Bolsover District Council**

**Growth Scrutiny Committee**

**15<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

**Housing Strategy 2021-2025**

**Report of the Joint Housing Strategy and Growth Manager**

This report is public

**Purpose of the Report**

- To inform Scrutiny of the development of the Housing Strategy 2021 - 2025
- To agree to the timeframes and further Scrutiny consultation

**1 Report Details**

- 1.1 The Housing Strategy sets out the Council's strategic framework to meet the district's housing and housing related support needs.
- 1.2 The previous Housing Strategy was a joint document with Economic Development, whilst the two departments work closely together it has been agreed that the strategies should now be written as two separate documents.
- 1.3 The Council's vision for housing will steer the Strategy and focus on the Council's key priorities whilst having due regard to local and national policy.
- 1.4 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.
- 1.5 The strategy will also have a key role in helping to secure potential external funding for housing related projects across the district.
- 1.6 The table shows the potential timeframes for the development and implementation of the Strategy, however this may be subject to change at these unprecedented times due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

<b>Action</b>	<b>Involvement/Responsibility</b>	<b>Planned Date and Deadlines</b>
Collating information and determining Housing Priority/Strategy contents	Portfolio Holder - Housing and Community Safety & Housing Strategy/ Councillors/ Housing Teams/Environmental Health	July to August 2020

Action	Involvement/Responsibility	Planned Date and Deadlines
	Teams/Housing Strategy Team	
Development/writing of the Draft Strategy	Housing Strategy Team working closely with Portfolio Holder - Housing and Community Safety/Housing Strategy	September to October 2020
Scrutiny consultation	Housing Strategy Team	21st October
Final draft consultation	Stakeholder/partner/public /internal	1st November – 21st November 2020
Consultation analysis and strategy amendments where necessary	Housing Strategy Team	21 <sup>st</sup> November – 14 <sup>th</sup> December
Scrutiny after any final amendments (if required)	Housing Strategy Team	16 <sup>th</sup> December 2020
SAMT	Housing Strategy Team	18 <sup>th</sup> December 2020
Executive Report and Papers to Governance	Housing Strategy Team	6th January 2021
Executive Pre Meeting	Portfolio Holder - Housing and Community Safety/ Housing Strategy	13 <sup>th</sup> January 2021
Executive Meeting	Portfolio Holder - Housing and Community Safety/ Housing Strategy	25th January 2021
If Agreed – Implementation date – Circulate and publicise	Housing Strategy Team	1 <sup>st</sup> February 2021

## **2 Conclusions and Reasons for Recommendation**

- 2.1 The previous Economic Development and Housing Strategy is due to expire in 2020, therefore this needs replacing.
- 2.2 The new Strategy will focus on the Council's current Housing and housing related priorities and obligations and put a plan in place for the next four years.
- 2.3 The Strategy will help to secure external funding where possible.

## **3 Consultation and Equality Impact**

- 3.1 Consultation will be carried out at various stages throughout the development process with internal and external organisations, including public, private and voluntary sectors.

3.2 An Equality Impact Assessment will be completed to ensure compliance with the Equality Act 2010 and the protected characteristics.

#### **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 will set out a clear housing plan, which will be a key driver for Housing growth in the district.

#### **5 Implications**

##### **5.1 Finance and Risk Implications**

5.1.1 There are no risk implications.

##### **5.2 Legal Implications including Data Protection**

5.2.1 The Strategy will have due regard to local and national policy and be compliant with legislation, including data protection laws.

##### **5.3 Human Resources Implications**

5.3.1 Existing employees will develop the Strategy, therefore there is no Human Resources implications.

#### **6 Recommendations**

6.1 To agree to the timeframes and further Scrutiny consultation.

#### **7 Decision Information**

<p><b>Is the decision a Key Decision?</b>  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:  <i>BDC: Revenue - £75,000</i> <input type="checkbox"/>  <i>Capital - £150,000</i> <input type="checkbox"/>  <i>NEDDC: Revenue - £100,000</i> <input type="checkbox"/>  <i>Capital - £250,000</i> <input type="checkbox"/>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i></p>	No
<p><b>Is the decision subject to Call-In?</b>  (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</p>	No
<p><b>Has the relevant Portfolio Holder been informed</b></p>	Yes
<p><b>District Wards Affected</b></p>	All
<p><b>Links to Corporate Plan priorities or Policy Framework</b></p>	All

8 **Document Information**

Appendix No	Title
<b>Background Papers</b> (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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Report Reference –