

Bolsover District Council

Growth Scrutiny Committee

16th December 2020

Housing Strategy 2021-2024

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Housing

This report is public

Purpose of the Report

- To update on the first draft of the Housing Strategy 2021 - 2024
- To approve to proceed with the public consultation

1 Report Details

- 1.1 The Housing Strategy sets out the Council's strategic framework to meet the district's housing growth ambitions and housing related support needs.
- 1.2 Housing is a key factor in contributing to a person's health and well-being. Nationally, the coronavirus crisis highlighted the need for secure, high quality, affordable homes and has identified house building as a central component to the post Covid-19 recovery, which will also create jobs and boost the economy.
- 1.3 The Housing Strategy will set out the strategic framework for meeting the Council's housing priorities and link with the wider initiatives. It will ensure that resources are targeted effectively and in a coordinated way.
- 1.4 The key housing priorities highlighted in the Strategy complement the Council's vision for housing whilst having due regard to local and national policy. The Key Strategic Housing Priorities identified are:
- Key Priority 1 – Providing Good Quality Housing
 - Key Priority 2 – Enabling Housing Growth
 - Key Priority 3 – Supporting Vulnerable and Disadvantaged People
- 1.5 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.
- 1.6 The strategy will also have a key role in helping to secure potential external funding for housing related projects across the district.

- 1.7 In order that we may respond to emerging issues as they arise, the strategy will be for three years with a commitment to review after one year in light of any central government changes impacting on the local community.

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 focuses on the Council's current Housing and housing related priorities and obligations for the next three years.
- 2.3 The Strategy will help to secure external funding where possible and provide an evidence base for partner organisations.

3 Consultation and Equality Impact

- 3.1 Departmental consultation has been carried out and stakeholder and public consultation will be conducted.
- 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, including supported housing for the most vulnerable.

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 and monitor the Strategy, therefore there is no Human Resources implications.

6 Recommendations

- 6.1 To approve the first draft of the Housing Strategy 2021 – 2024 and begin the wider consultation process.

7 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: BDC: Revenue - £75,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £150,000 <input type="checkbox"/> NEDDC: Revenue - £100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £250,000 <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please indicate which threshold applies</p>	No not at this stage. Approval of the final version of the Strategy will be a Key Decision as it forms part of the Budget & Policy Framework.
<p>Is the decision subject to Call-In? (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</p>	No
<p>Has the relevant Portfolio Holder been informed</p>	Yes
<p>District Wards Affected</p>	All
<p>Links to Corporate Plan priorities or Policy Framework</p>	All

8 Document Information

Appendix No	Title
1	Housing Strategy 2021 - 2024
<p>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)</p>	
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