



EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT COVER SHEET

Title of Report:	Review of The Housing Strategy 2021-2025	To be marked with an 'X' by Democratic Services after report has been presented
Meeting of:	Corporate Management Team 16 November 2021	X
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Is this an Executive Decision:	YES	Is this a Key Decision:	NO
Is this in the Forward Plan:	YES	Is the Report Confidential: If so, please state relevant paragraph from Schedule 12A LGA 1972:	NO NA

Essential Signatories:

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Interim Monitoring Officer: **Chris Ebberley**

Date Signature

Chief Finance Officer: **Sal Khan**

Date Signature

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Report to Cabinet

Date: 20th December 2021

REPORT TITLE: Review of The Housing Strategy 2021-2025

PORTFOLIO: Environment and Housing

HEAD OF SERVICE: Sal Khan

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WARD(S) AFFECTED: Multiple

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1. To review the Housing Strategy that was adopted in December 2020.

2. Executive Summary

2.1. The Housing Strategy 2021-2025 is being reviewed for accuracy and relevance. Detail of the items reviewed and findings can be found at Appendix 1, but in summary there were 10 items 'On Track,' 3 items experiencing 'Mild Deviation' and 0 items experiencing 'Deviation.'

3. Background

3.1. The Housing Strategy provides the Council's vision for housing in its area. It is a high level document that brings together all the activities in the Council that contribute to the housing agenda, describing our approach and providing an overarching framework against which other policies on more specific housing issues are formulated.

3.2. Whilst no specific concerns have been raised about the strategy, this review exercise provides additional assurance.

4. **Contribution to Corporate Priorities**

- 4.1. Corporate Plan Target EHB10. Housing Strategy Initiatives: Review the Housing Strategy, December 2021.

5. **The Strategy Review**

- 5.1. The review document at Appendix 1 supplies a RAG rating to each item, a description of the activities related to this item and then the rationale for RAG rating that has been awarded. A summary of the findings of the review is provided below.

- 5.2. Figure 1. Summary of the Housing Strategy Review

Priority	Objective	RAG Rating
1. Housing Supply is promoted	The Local Plan	On Track
1. Housing Supply is promoted	Brownfield Developments	NA
2. Capitalise on existing housing resources	Empty Homes	On Track
2. Capitalise on existing housing resources	Landlords Forum	Mild Deviation
2. Capitalise on existing housing resources	Environmental Health	On Track
2. Capitalise on existing housing resources	Fuel Poverty	On Track
3. Maximise housing options for households on a low income	Access to Social Rented Housing	On Track
3. Maximise housing options for households on a low income	Discretionary Housing Payments	On Track
3. Maximise housing options for households on a low income	Council Tax Reduction Scheme	On Track
3. Maximise housing options for households on a low income	Shared Ownership	Mild Deviation

3. Maximise housing options for households on a low income	Help to Buy	NA
3. Maximise housing options for households on a low income	Right to Buy and Right to Acquire	NA
4. Secure suitable housing for people with vulnerabilities	Disabled Facilities Grants	Mild Deviation
4. Secure suitable housing for people with vulnerabilities	Older People	On Track
4. Secure suitable housing for people with vulnerabilities	Supported Housing	On Track
4. Secure suitable housing for people with vulnerabilities	Homelessness	On Track

5.3. The review demonstrates that the Housing Strategy 2021-2025 remains accurate and relevant.

6. **Financial Considerations**

This section has been approved by the following member of the Financial Management Unit: Anya Murray

6.1. The review of the strategy does not commit the Council to any new expenditure. There are no financial issues arising from this Report.

7. **Risk Assessment and Management**

7.1. The main risks to this Report and the Council achieving its objectives are as follows:

7.2. **Positive** (Opportunities/Benefits):

7.2.1. The strategy remains accurate and relevant, bringing together all the work that is undertaken across the Council to realise a set of strategic priorities.

7.2.2. The strategy is concise and presented in a user friendly way to make it as accessible as possible to East Staffordshire residents.

7.3. **Negative** (Threats):

7.3.1. Changes occurring during the life of the strategy may necessitate significant revisions to the document.

7.4. The risks do not need to be entered in the Risk Register. Any financial implications to mitigate against these risks are considered above.

8. **Legal Considerations**

*This section has been approved by the following member of the Legal Team:
Caroline Elwood.*

8.1. There are no significant legal issues arising from this Report.

9. **Equalities and Health**

9.1. **Equality impacts:** The subject of this Report is not a policy, strategy, function or service that is new or being revised. An equality and health impact assessment is not required.

9.2. **Health impacts:** The outcome of the health screening question does not require a full Health Impact Assessment to be completed. An equality and health impact assessment is not required.

10. **Human Rights**

10.1. There are no Human Rights issues arising from this Report.

11. **Sustainability** (including climate change and change adaptation measures)

11.1. Does the proposal result in an overall positive effect in terms of sustainability (including climate change and change adaptation measures) N/A

12. **Recommendation(s)**

12.1. To note the finding that the Housing Strategy 2021-2025 remains accurate and relevant.

13. **Background Papers**

13.1. The Local Plan 2012-2031

13.2. Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) 2014

13.3. The Homelessness Strategy 2018-2023

14. **Appendices**

14.1. Appendix 1: Housing Strategy Review Table