

ANGUS COUNCIL

COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 17 JANUARY 2017

CONSULTATIVE DRAFT LOCAL HOUSING STRATEGY 2017-22

REPORT BY HEAD OF PLANNING AND PLACE

ABSTRACT

This report seeks approval to publish the Consultative Draft Local Housing Strategy (LHS) 2017-22.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) notes the contents of this report and approves the content of the Consultative Draft LHS 2017-22 as detailed in **Appendix 1**.
- (ii) notes the consultation which has been undertaken with stakeholders and communities in preparing the Consultative Draft LHS 2017-22 and approves a formal 12 week consultation period from 30 January to 23 April 2017.

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE ANGUS COMMUNITY PLAN/SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT/COPORATE PLAN

This report contributes to the following local outcomes contained within the Angus Community Plan and Single Outcome Agreement 2013-2016:

- Angus is a good place to live in, work in and visit
- Our communities are developed in a sustainable manner.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1. The LHS demonstrates the continued commitment of the Council and partners to 'create places that people are proud to call home'. This is a long term vision which has been embedded in the approach to developing housing and housing related services since 2012. As the sole strategic document for housing the LHS outlines how the Council and partners will draw on housing supply, place-making and housing related services to promote good outcomes across a range of social and economic factors. The LHS identifies where linkages between housing and other services can help to achieve these wider social outcomes.
- 3.2. The Housing (Scotland) Act 2001 places a statutory requirement on local authorities to develop a LHS that provides the framework for the delivery of housing and related services. The LHS is supported by an assessment of housing need and demand, and related services. The TayPlan Housing Need and Demand Assessment (HNDA) was assessed as robust and credible by the Centre for Housing Market Analysis in February 2014 and has been used to inform the Consultative Draft LHS 2017-22.
- 3.3. The Scottish Government issued revised LHS Guidance in August 2014. The Guidance intends to support local authorities in developing the LHS, building on national outcomes to help support continued improvement, and developing local experiences to demonstrate the links between preceding strategies, opportunities and the vision for the future. The Scottish Government is committed to increasing the supply of housing and ensuring the housing system encourages growth and sustainability. The LHS sets out the local approach to achieving this, detailing contributions from all stakeholders and partners. The LHS also provides a framework to enable the Scottish Government to assess funding bids by the Council and other partners against the strategic priorities for housing in Angus.

4. CURRENT POSITION

- 4.1. The Consultative Draft LHS 2017-22 sets out how the Council and partners will achieve the vision to 'create places people are proud to call home'. Three strategic outcomes support this vision which are:
- Increase the supply of good quality, affordable housing across all tenures
 - People can access a range of housing options and related services to meet their needs
 - Improve stock condition across all tenures, ensuring we tackle fuel poverty and energy efficiency and contribute toward climate change targets
- 4.2. The outcomes are supported by an action plan which clearly articulates the actions required to achieve the outcomes and sets out when the actions will be delivered, by whom and how progress will be monitored. The Consultative Draft LHS 2017-22 is contained in **Appendix 1**.
- 4.3. The LHS supports a number of strategic priorities for the Council and its partners. The LHS sets out the approach to meeting identified housing need, linking with the Strategic Development Plan and the Local Development Plan. The LHS also contributes to the effective integration of health and social care, setting out the contribution housing can make in support of this agenda, through the design and delivery of housing and housing related services, that are capable of responding to the needs of individuals as and where they arise.
- 4.4. LHS must reflect the broad range of issues faced by communities, partners and stakeholders. Consultation with these groups has shaped the Consultative Draft LHS 2017-22 and was undertaken at key stages including evidence gathering, priority setting and agreeing the strategic outcomes and action plan. The formal consultation period will enable further views to be gathered on the extent to which the LHS demonstrates the priorities of communities and stakeholders and will inform the final strategy.
- 4.5. In addition to local consultation the Consultative Draft LHS will also go through a Scottish Government Peer Review Process. A panel of Scottish Government and local authority representatives will assess the LHS against Scottish Government criteria and provide comments which can be used to further strengthen the final strategy. The Peer Review Process is a valuable part of the LHS development process.
- 4.6. Following formal consultation and feedback from the Peer Review Panel the Final LHS 2017-22 will be prepared. It is anticipated this will be brought before Members in Summer 2017.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1. There are no direct financial implications for the Council arising from the content of this report.

NOTE: No background papers, as detailed by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above report.

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 Appendix 2 Local Housing Strategy Consultation Report