

ANGUS COUNCIL

COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 26 SEPTEMBER 2017

LOCAL HOUSING STRATEGY 2017-22

REPORT BY HEAD OF HOUSING, REGULATORY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES

ABSTRACT

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

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee:

- (ii) notes the contents of this report and approves the LHS 2017-22 as detailed in **Appendix 1**.

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, our natural and built environment is protected and enjoyed, and our carbon footprint is reduced
- We improve the health and wellbeing of our people and inequalities are reduced, and individuals are supported in their own communities with good quality services

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1. 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 LHS 2017-22.
- 3.2. The Consultative Draft LHS 2012-17 was approved by Committee in January 2017 and was subject to a 12 week consultation period between 23 January and 16 April 2017, report 29/17 refers.
- 3.3. 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. 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 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:
- The supply and availability of good quality, affordable housing is improved
 - People can access appropriate housing options and related services to meet their needs and enable them to live independently
 - The quality and energy efficiency of all housing stock is improved and we contribute towards targets to reduce CO2 emissions in Angus
- 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.
- 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. The LHS also sets a Housing Supply Target (HST) for the period 2017-22 which determines the type of market and affordable housing required to meet housing need and demand throughout the life of LHS. This includes the level of affordable housing required to meet need and a target for delivery of homes for households with particular needs.
- 4.5. The LHS must reflect the broad range of issues faced by communities, partners and stakeholders. Consultation with these groups has shaped the LHS 2017-22 and was undertaken at key stages including evidence gathering, priority setting and agreeing the strategic outcomes and action plan. A formal consultation period enabled further views to be gathered on the extent to which the LHS demonstrates the priorities of communities and stakeholders, and informed the final strategy.
- 4.6. In addition to local consultation the LHS underwent a Scottish Government Peer Review Process, a valuable part of the LHS development process. A panel of Scottish Government and local authority representatives assessed the LHS against Scottish Government criteria and provided comments which were used to further strengthen the final strategy.

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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