

**TO: ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HOUSING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL
17 JANUARY 2017**

**WORKING GROUP UPDATE REPORT
Assistant Chief Executive**

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report summarises the progress achieved to date by the Working Group of the Panel reviewing the Council's draft Housing Strategy and housing Supply.

2 RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 2.1 **That the Panel notes the progress achieved to date by its Working Group reviewing the Council's draft Housing Strategy and housing supply.**

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 3.1 To keep the Panel up to date regarding the activities of its Working Group reviewing the Council's draft Housing Strategy and Supply.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 None.

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 5.1 A Working Group of the Panel, comprising Councillors Peacey (Lead Member), Mrs Angell, Finch, Mrs McCracken, Mrs McKenzie and Mrs Temperton, was established to respond to the consultation in respect of the Council's draft Housing Strategy 2016-2036 and to review a related theme, envisaged to be possibly the supply of accommodation for older people.

- 5.2 The Working Group commenced in November 2016 and has met on two occasions, to date. Issues covered have included:

- Receiving a briefing from senior housing officers on key aspects of the draft Housing Strategy, with particular reference to Affordable Housing.
- A discussion on the scope of the review, leading to an agreed scoping document. This has been sent to the Executive Member and Director for their information and comments. It has also been forwarded to the Chairman of the O&S Commission for his approval, as requested by him, as the proposed scope is wider than the supply of older people's accommodation.
- Receiving a briefing from the Chief Officer: Planning, Transport and Countryside on the Council's role in relation to housing supply and specifically Affordable Housing.

- 5.3 Some Members of the Working Group will be attending to observe the meeting of the Downshire Homes Board on 24 January. The next meeting of the Working Group has been arranged for 8 February, principally to have a discussion with the Chairman of

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Downshire Homes. Further meetings will be arranged, and – subject to the availability of O&S officer support - the Group aims to complete its review by July 2017.

**6 **ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS / EQUALITIES
IMPACT ASSESSMENT / STRATEGIC RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES /
CONSULTATION****

6.1 Not applicable.

Background Papers

None.

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