

**TO: ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HOUSING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL
13 JUNE 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 and also the joint Working Group of this and the Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel to review the Frimley Health and Care NHS Trust Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP).

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **That the Panel notes the progress achieved to date by its Working Groups reviewing the Council's draft Housing Strategy and housing supply and the Frimley Health and Care NHS Trust STP.**

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 3.1 To keep the Panel up to date regarding the activities of its Working Groups.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 None.

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Housing Strategy and Supply

- 5.1 The Panel established a Working Group, comprising Councillors Peacey (Lead Member), Mrs Angell, Finch, Mrs McCracken, Mrs McKenzie and Mrs Temperton, to respond to the consultation in respect of the Council's draft Housing Strategy 2016-2036 and to review a related theme, originally envisaged to be possibly the supply of accommodation for older people.
- 5.2 The Working Group commenced in November 2016 and has met on three 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. The Executive Member, Director and the Chairman of the O&S Commission have since commented that the proposed scope is too wide.
 - 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.

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- A discussion with the Chairman of Downshire Homes on its role and performance in relation to housing supply, and the ideas which are being explored for the future.

A representative of the Working Group also attended to observe the meeting of the Downshire Homes Board on 24 January.

- 5.3 Owing to the shortage of O&S Officer resources and some differing views over the scope of the review, the Working Group was temporarily suspended. However, the Working Group is now proposing to meet again with the Chairman of the O&S Commission to agree the scope and continue its work.

Sustainability and Transformation Plan

- 5.4 A joint Working Group of this and the Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel has been established to review the Frimley Health and Care NHS Trust STP. The membership of the Working Group comprises Councillors Allen, Mrs Angell, Mrs Mattick, Mrs Temperton, Thompson, Tullett and Virgo and Dr Norman. The first meeting of the Working Group took place on 22 May 2017 when Members appointed their Lead Member, received a briefing in respect of the STP from the Director of Adult Social Care, Health and Housing and considered the scope of the review.
- 5.5 Future work will include reviewing key documents, meetings officers of the Council and the NHS and discussions with representatives of patient forums.

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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