

**TO: ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HOUSING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL
12 SEPTEMBER 2017**

**WORKING GROUP UPDATE REPORT
Working Group Lead Members**

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 Partnership (STP).

2 RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 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 five 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.
 - 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.
- Meeting with the Chief Executive Officer of Legal and General Homes, Legal and General Capital.
- A presentation and discussion with a planning QC on affordable housing.

5.3 The Working Group now intends to review and respond to the Council's Draft Housing Strategy.

Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP)

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 Tullett (Lead Member), Allen, Mrs Angell, Mrs Mattick, Mrs Temperton, Thompson and Virgo and Dr Norman. At its first meeting the Working Group appointed its 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 favouring consideration of the work around Connected Care and in particular digital care records and the extent to which they are improving outcomes for the residents of Bracknell Forest. It was agreed that future work would include reviewing key documents, meeting officers of the Council and the NHS and having discussions with representatives of patient forums.

5.5 On learning at its second meeting that detailed work had been produced by a neighbouring STP in respect of a vision and programme for digital transformation in health and care, the Working Group revisited its scoping document as it did not wish to duplicate existing work. Reviewing integrated hubs had previously been raised as an alternative. A meeting with the Integration and Transformation Director for the local STP has been suggested as a means to assist with determining the way forward. The Working Group has expressed concern that it has moved away from the original brief and intention in the O&S Work Programme which has been to keep a watching brief of the STP by the Health O&S Panel.

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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