

**TO: ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HOUSING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL
16 JANUARY 2018**

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

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.

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 the supply of housing.
- 5.2 The Working Group commenced in November 2016 and has met on seven 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 the development of a 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.
 - 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 regarding affordable housing.

- Reviewing the Council's Draft Housing Strategy and responding to the related consultation.

5.3 Future work will include visiting other Councils to discuss their housing strategies and delivery of affordable housing, particularly one borough in Surrey where a block of flats which consists entirely of affordable housing has been constructed.

6 ADVISE 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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