

NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

POLICY DEVELOPMENT GROUP – 30 SEPTEMBER 2015

Title of report	HOUSING STRATEGY – OUTLINE DRAFT
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Purpose of report	To receive Policy Development Group's comments on the draft Housing Strategy 2016 - 2021
Council Priorities	Homes and Communities
Implications:	
Financial/Staff	Any costs associated with the adoption of the housing strategy will be met from within existing budgets and capacity. There are no staffing implications.
Link to relevant CAT	Not Applicable
Risk Management	A risk register will be developed (as necessary) as part of the action planning process
Equalities Impact Screening	An equalities impact screening will be undertaken when the strategy is finalised
Human Rights	None
Transformational Government	Delivering housing in a sustainable way, considering the environmental and social impacts and benefits.
Comments of Head of Paid Service	The report is satisfactory.
Comments of Section 151 Officer	The report is satisfactory.
Comments of Monitoring Officer	The report is satisfactory.

Consultees	NWL Strategic Housing Partnership NWL Tenants and Leaseholders consultation forum Parish Council Liaison committee NWL Staying Healthy Partnership
Background papers	Strategic Housing Market Assessment Affordable Warmth Strategy Choice based allocations and lettings policy Laying the foundations – a housing strategy for England Leicestershire Health Profile report - districts
Recommendations	THAT POLICY DEVELOPMENT GROUP OFFERS ANY COMMENTS FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF CABINET

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The current district-wide housing strategy 2011-2015 is due for review and the housing choices team are working with colleagues on the North West Leicestershire Strategic Housing Partnership (NWLShp) to develop a new strategy for 2016-2021.
- 1.2 As well as relevant council members and staff, membership of the NWLShp includes Leicestershire County Council's Adult Social Care and Children and Young people's Services, public health services, partner housing associations working in the area, the Homes and Community Agency (HCA), Leicestershire and Rutland Probation services, Job Centre Plus, Youth Offending Services, Citizens' Advice, private developers and voluntary and community sector organisations.
- 1.3 The strategy will consider all elements associated with housing in NWL, linking with the work of the Local Plan and working with partners to deliver the best housing outcomes for residents of the district.

2.0 DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

2.1 Consultation

The North West Leicestershire Strategic Housing Partnership were consulted during at a workshop style meeting in July and were issued prior to the event with a paper outlining the challenges facing the district to be considered when setting priorities for housing. This document is attached at Appendix A.

2.2 The challenges outlined in the paper are:

- Supply and demand
- Stock condition
- Right to buy
- Welfare reform
- New build and affordable housing supply
- Prevention – resource reductions
- Meeting the needs of an ageing population
- Regeneration of Coalville

- 2.3 The Partnership were presented at the workshop with further data and detail relating to these challenges as detailed in Appendix B.
- 2.4 As a result of this information and the discussions at the workshops, the Partnership concluded that the new housing strategy should address 3 priority areas:
- Supply
 - Standards
 - Support
- 2.5 Further consultation has taken place during July with NWLDC staff from relevant departments and with the tenants and leaseholders consultation forum. These consultations were completed as workshops with consultees considering the 3 themes and giving their input into the key challenges and solutions. Consultees were presented with information from the Strategic Housing Market Assessment, from the findings of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, the Homes and Communities Agency, census 2011, district health profiles, information regarding our own tenants and the Choice Based lettings data. This information gave a broad outline of North West Leicestershire now and how we predict it will change into the future.
- 2.6 A report detailing the above was presented to Divisional Management team on 1 September 2015 and their suggestions have been incorporated into the draft strategy. Appendix C

3.0 TIMEFRAME FOR DEVELOPMENT

Date	Activity
Wk beg 1 September	Agree wording of priorities and themes for public consultation surveys
8 th September	Strategy update report to CLT
8 th September	Submit draft strategy and report papers for 30 th September Policy development group Scrutiny meeting
9 th September	Parish liaison meeting – discuss strategy, themes, potential priorities and consultation with Parish Council reps
10 September	Present strategy priorities and deliver workshop at Conservative group meeting
16 September	Present strategy priorities and deliver workshop at Labour group meeting
Wk beg 14 th September	Send finalised public consultation survey questions and citizen space survey to communications team for formatting
30 September	1 st draft strategy to Scrutiny meeting (PDG)
6 October – 13 November	Open public consultation on line and develop 2 consultation events linked with LCC public health officers. Dates TBC
Wk beg 2 nd November	Begin analysis of public consultation results and include in strategy
12 November	Housing strategic SMT
16 November	Updated strategy to communications team for final formatting
8 th December	Final version of strategy to DMT for approval
15 th December	Final version of strategy to CLT for approval
January 2016	Final version of strategy to Cabinet/full council meeting
01 February 2016	Publication and launch