

# **Report to the Housing Select Committee**

**Date of meeting: 16 June 2015**

**Portfolio: Housing – Councillor D. Stallan**

**Subject: Review of the Homelessness Strategy**

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## **Recommendations/Decisions Required:**

- (1) That the Housing Select Committee considers the Draft Homelessness Strategy attached as an appendix to the report and passes on any comments to the Housing Portfolio Holder;**
- (2) That a consultation exercise be undertaken for a period of 8 weeks with all Stakeholders with an interest in homelessness including Town and Parish Councils, with the outcome of the exercise and any proposed changes being reported to the Housing Portfolio Holder for consideration when adopting the revised Homelessness Strategy; and**
- (3) That the revised Homelessness Strategy becomes effective on 1 September 2015.**

## **Report:**

1. Under the Homelessness Act 2002, Local Authorities have a duty to review and publish their Homelessness Strategy on at least a 5 yearly basis. As this area of work regularly changes, it was agreed that the Council's Homelessness Strategy would be reviewed every three years. The Strategy links with the Council's Housing Strategy, Housing Allocations Scheme and Tenancy Policy. The Strategy sets out achievements since 2012 and incorporates the needs and demands on the service and actions that need to be undertaken over the coming three years.
2. The Housing Select Committee is asked to consider the Draft Homelessness Strategy, which is included in the Panel's Work Programme, and is attached as an appendix, and report any comments to the Housing Portfolio Holder.
3. A consultation exercise on the draft Homelessness Strategy will be undertaken over an 8 week period with all Stakeholders with an interest in homelessness including Town and Parish Councils. The Housing Portfolio Holder will be asked to consider the outcome of the exercise and any resultant changes and to adopt the revised Homelessness Strategy. The Strategy will take effect from 1 September 2015.

**Reason for decision:**

To consider the Council's draft Homelessness Strategy and report any comments to the Housing Portfolio Holder.

**Options considered and rejected:**

Not to consider the draft Homelessness Strategy.

**Consultation undertaken:**

As set out in the report.

**Resource implications:**

Budget provision: None

Personnel: None

Land: None

Community Plan/BVPP reference: N/A

Relevant statutory powers: Housing Act 1996

Background papers: None

Environmental/Human Rights Act/Crime and Disorder Act Implications: N/A

Key Decision reference: (if required) N/A