

# **Report to Communities Select Committee**

**Date of meeting: 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

**Portfolio: Housing – Cllr S. Stavrou**

**Subject: Housing Strategy: 12-Month Progress Report on Key Action Plan 2016**



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## **Recommendations:**

**That the 12-Month Progress Report on the Housing Strategy Key Action Plan 2016, attached as an Appendix, be considered, with any comments passed to the Housing Portfolio Holder and Director of Communities accordingly.**

## **Report:**

1. The Council has adopted a Housing Strategy, that assesses the District's current and future housing needs and sets out the Council's approach to meeting those needs. Annual Key Action Plans are then considered by the Select Committee and approved by the Housing Portfolio Holder. The Key Action Plans, set out the proposed actions to be taken by the Council to contribute towards the achievement of the housing objectives over the following year.
2. The latest Key Action Plan was agreed in January 2016 and the Cabinet has previously agreed that progress with the Key Action Plans should be monitored on a 6-monthly basis by the Communities Select Committee. The Select Committee considered the 6-Month Progress Report in June 2016 and the 12-Month Progress Report on the Key Action Plan for 2016 is attached as an Appendix, which the Select Committee is asked to consider and to provide any comments to the Housing Portfolio Holder and Director of Communities.
3. Although the formulation of a new Housing Strategy has been delayed for a few years as a result of delays with the formulation of a new Local Plan, now that the Draft Plan has been published, an Officer Project Team has been established to produce a Draft Housing Strategy which, in the first instance, will be submitted to the Select Committee for discussion, prior to formal consultation.