

Name of meeting: Economy & Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Panel

Date: 21 March 2019

Title of report: Kirklees Housing Strategy 2018-23 Action Plan - Update

Purpose of report

To provide for information and discussion an update on progress against high level actions outlined in the Kirklees Housing Strategy 2018-23 Year One Action Plan which was approved by Council on 12th September 2018.

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| Key Decision - Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards? | No |
| Key Decision - Is it in the Council's Forward Plan (key decisions and private reports?) | Not applicable |
| The Decision - Is it eligible for call in by Scrutiny? | Not applicable |
| Date signed off by Strategic Director & name | Karl Battersby – Economy & Infrastructure 5.3.19 |
| Is it also signed off by the Service Director (Finance)? | Not applicable |
| Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Legal Governance and Commissioning? | Not applicable |
| Cabinet member portfolio | Cllr Cathy Scott – Housing & Democracy |

Electoral wards affected: All

Ward councillors consulted: N/A

Public or private: Public

GDPR has been considered when preparing this report and there are no implications

1. **Summary**

- 1.1 The Kirklees Housing Strategy 2018 – 2023 was approved by Council on 12th September 2018.
- 1.2 The Strategy sets out the Council's key issues, challenges, and ambitions for housing and housing services in Kirklees over a 5 year period and supports the Kirklees shared outcomes.
- 1.3 The strategy focusses on three priorities. These are, addressing housing need, improving housing quality and enabling housing growth. The Housing Strategy is available via the following link:
<http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/housing/pdf/kirklees-housing-strategy.pdf>
- 1.4 A high level Year One Action Plan is included in the Strategy which prioritises actions and identifies the outcomes to be achieved. The Action Plan and a summary of progress against each of the 11 prioritised actions is attached to this report at Appendix 1.

2. **Information required to take a decision**

- 2.1 The report is for information and discussion.
- 2.2 The Economy & Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Panel has over the last 12-18 months considered and contributed to the development of the Council's Housing Strategy and the Preventing Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy.

3. **Implications for the Council**

3.1 **Working with People**

The Strategy is centred on working with people who have a housing need or are affected by homelessness. The focus is on supporting people's overall health and wellbeing and enabling people to live more independently, for longer, in a suitable home of their own.

3.2 **Working with Partners**

A collaborative partnership approach has been taken in developing the Strategy. Our partners including colleagues from across the Council and Health Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs), Kirklees Neighbourhood Housing, Pinnacle PSG, Housing Associations, housing developers and investors, private landlords, the third sector and our housing forums all have their part to play in shaping and delivering the Housing Strategy Action Plan.

3.3 **Place Based Working**

The Strategy recognises that Kirklees is a diverse place with a diverse community and that in addressing issues of housing need, homelessness/rough sleeping and housing growth that a place based approach is needed.

3.4 **Improving outcomes for children**

There are positive implications for children and young people in improving the quality standards of housing that families live in, and for vulnerable young people who need specialist and supported accommodation in order to achieve and maintain settled and successful independent living.

- 3.5 **Other (eg Legal/Financial or Human Resources)**
No implications from this report.
4. **Consultees and their opinions**
Not applicable
5. **Next steps and timelines**
The Overview and Scrutiny Panel for Economy and Neighbourhoods takes account of the information presented and considers the next steps it wishes to take.
6. **Officer recommendations and reasons**
The Scrutiny Panel notes progress made against the actions in the Housing Strategy Year One Action Plan. Comments are noted and shared with the Portfolio Holder, Housing and Democracy.
7. **Cabinet portfolio holder's recommendations**
Not applicable.
8. **Contact officer**
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9. **Background Papers and History of Decisions**
- 9.1 The draft Housing Strategy 2018-23 was considered by the Economy and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Panel on 19th July 2018
<https://democracy.kirklees.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=572&MId=5687&Ver=4>
- 9.2 The Kirklees Housing Strategy was approved by Council on the 12th September 2018
<https://democracy.kirklees.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=138&MId=5647>
- 9.3 The Housing Strategy 2018-23 is published on the Kirklees website:
<http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/housing/pdf/kirklees-housing-strategy.pdf>
10. **Service Director responsible**
Naz Parkar, Growth and Housing.