

North Tyneside Council Report to Cabinet Date: 10 December 2012

ITEM 6(a)

Title: Strategic Housing
Partnership Plan
2013-14

Portfolio: Housing

Cabinet Member: Councillor Paul
Mason

Report from Directorate: Chief Executive's Office

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Wards affected: All

PART 1

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this report is to inform Cabinet of the development of a Strategic Housing Partnership Plan for 2013-14 to highlight recent achievements and set out key performance indicators and actions to be undertaken to deliver the strategic housing role.

1.2 Recommendation:

Cabinet is requested to note the strategic housing work undertaken by the Council and its partners, as outlined in the Strategic Housing Partnership Plan for 2013-14 attached at Appendix 1 of this report.

1.3 Forward Plan:

This report appears on the Forward Plan published on 7 November 2012.

1.4 Council Plan and Policy Framework

This report relates to the following priorities in the 2012-15 Council Strategic Plan:

Priority 3 "To provide affordable rented housing in partnership with the private sector and registered social landlords" (now known as Registered Providers)

Priority 3.1 "To provide additional Council housing"; and

Priority 4.3 “We will use our housing skills to introduce a service to manage privately owned rented accommodation.”

1.5 Background Information:

The Department for Communities and Local Government (CLG) published guidance in 2008 called “The Strategic Housing Role of Local Authorities: Powers and Duties”. The guidance emphasises the importance of the strategic housing role in addressing the housing needs of all residents across all tenures, to ensure long-term sustainable communities.

The Government's housing strategy ‘Laying the foundations: A Housing Strategy for England 2011’ sets out the government’s intended direction of travel for housing, its role in the wider economy and its contribution to social mobility. It sets out ideas on the shape of housing provision that the government wants to see, which involve the primacy of home ownership; social housing for those in most need; and an increasing role for the private rented sector.

At a local level, the North Tyneside Sustainable Community Strategy 2010-13 sets out a long term vision to make North Tyneside a superb place to live, work and enjoy by 2030. It aims to ensure that “Neighbourhoods are friendly, inclusive, safe and connected, offering a range of quality housing options and local facilities”. Its priorities include stimulating a good housing supply to meet need.

The North Tyneside Homelessness Strategy 2008-13 sets out priorities for tackling homelessness, which include a focus on prevention and improving the supply of affordable homes. In August 2012 the Government released its strategy for preventing homelessness. North Tyneside’s Homelessness Strategy is currently being reviewed and a new strategy will be developed to take us beyond 2013.

The Council’s Empty Homes Delivery Plan 2012-15 aims to encourage all empty home owners to bring their properties back into use and provide innovative solutions to help bring empty homes back into use and increase housing options in North Tyneside.

The development of a Strategic Housing Partnership Plan for 2013-14 highlights recent achievements and set out key performance indicators and actions to be undertaken to deliver the strategic housing role.

1.6 Decision options:

The following options are available for consideration by Cabinet.

Option 1

Cabinet is asked to note the strategic housing work undertaken by the Council and partners as outlined in the Strategic Housing Partnership Plan for 2013-14, which is set out in Appendix 1 of this report.

Option 2

Cabinet may refer the matter back to officers for further consideration, outlining the specific issues to be addressed.

1.7 Reasons for recommended option:

It is recommended that Cabinet agree Option 1 for the following reason:
The report recognises the significant amount of partnership working being conducted in the borough and evidences major areas of activity planned for the next year.

1.8 Appendices:

Appendix 1: Strategic Housing Partnership Plan for 2013-2014

1.9 Contact officers:

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1.10 Background information:

The following documents have been used in the compilation of this report and may be inspected at the offices of the authors:

- [CLG - The Strategic Housing Role of Local Authorities - Powers and Duties](#)
- [Laying the Foundations: A Housing Strategy for England](#)
- [North Tyneside Sustainable Community Strategy 2010-13](#)
- [Council Strategic Plan 2012-15 - A Strategy for Tough Times](#)
- [North Tyneside Homelessness Strategy 2008-13](#)
- [North Tyneside Strategic Housing Market Assessment \(SHMA\) 2009 and Key Elements Update 2011](#)
- [NTC Empty Homes Delivery Plan 2012-15](#)

PART 2 – COMPLIANCE WITH PRINCIPLES OF DECISION MAKING

2.1 Finance and other resources

There are no financial implications directly relating to this report. The projects set out in the Plan will use existing resources or funding already secured. Any financial implications arising in the future in relation to these specific projects would be subject to a further report to Cabinet and / or Council as appropriate.

2.2 Legal

This is not a Plan which forms part of the Council's Policy Framework and therefore its agreement is the responsibility of Cabinet. All relevant legal implications will be identified and addressed in the development of specific projects within the Plan.

2.3 Consultation/community engagement

Internal consultation has been undertaken with relevant officers, the Elected Mayor and the Housing Cabinet Member. External consultation will be undertaken as relevant and appropriate as initiatives within the Plan are progressed.

2.4 Human rights

There are no human rights implications directly arising from this report.

2.5 Equalities and diversity

There are no equality and diversity implications directly arising from this report.

2.6 Risk management

This Plan is a high-level strategic document. Risks associated with implementing specific projects within the Plan will be managed through the corporate risk management process.

2.7 Crime and disorder

There are no crime and disorder implications directly arising from this report.

2.8 Environment and sustainability

There are no environmental and sustainability issues directly arising from this report.

PART 3 - SIGN OFF

- Chief Executive
- Mayor/Cabinet Member(s)
- Chief Finance Officer
- Monitoring Officer
- Strategic Manager for Policy and Partnerships