

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
SUBJECT:	HOUSING STRATEGY 2011 – 2015 AND HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUSINESS PLAN 2010 -2040
DATE OF DECISION:	20 DECEMBER 2010
REPORT OF:	CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING
STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY	
N/A	

BRIEF SUMMARY

The Southampton Housing Strategy 2011 - 2015 and Housing Revenue Account Business Plan 2010 – 2040 which form part of the Council's policy framework, are due for renewal. The publication of an issues paper is an integral part of the process for adoption of the final policy document and allows for wide consultation during the adoption process prior to a final decision by Full Council in due course.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) To agree the process and timetable for approval of the Southampton Housing Strategy 2011 - 2015 and Housing Revenue Account Business Plan 2010 – 2040.
- (ii) To approve the Housing Issues Paper attached in Appendix 1.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Publication of an issues paper and strategy approval timetable is a requirement of the Budget & Policy Framework Procedure Rules as set out in the Constitution. Publication of an issues paper allows for consultation and consideration of the key elements of any proposed plan or strategy by a wide variety of stakeholders before they become part of the Council's Policy Framework.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

2. Not to produce an issues paper – this would be contrary to the requirements of the Constitution.

DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)

3. The issues paper sets the scene by highlighting the achievements of the previous strategy, the issues that are currently faced and is the pre-cursor to how solutions are developed. By addressing these issues, building on existing knowledge and experience and developing this further.
4. Corporate objectives and partner policies and strategies have also been factored into the issues paper. This will enable these key documents to be considered throughout the developing stages of the housing strategy.
5. The issues paper will assist with planning future resource implications for delivering the strategy. As well as beginning to consider means of measuring performance, possible benchmarking and improvements based on past results and data.

6. A strategy group has been established with Decent Homes, Housing Management, Health & Social Care, Economic Development, Planning and Children Services & Learning. The issues paper will form the background and an overview to assist this group in shaping and developing the strategy holistically to meet the needs of people living in and aspiring to live in Southampton.
7. The detail is set out in the attached issues paper (Appendix 1)

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital/Revenue

8. The Councils current capital resources available to support the delivery of the housing strategy are set out in the appendix. The allocation of these resources will be reviewed as an integral part of updating strategy.
9. The total level of resources available will also be reviewed as more detailed information becomes available about the CSR. Of particular significance will be the announcements of the proposals for the reform of council housing finance.

Property/Other

10. N/A

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

11. This issues paper is published by the Executive in accordance with the Council's Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules. Once representations have been received and the matter has been considered by the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee, the final policy document will be referred to Council. Council may adopt it, amend it, refer it back to the Executive for consideration or substitute its own proposals in its place.

Other Legal Implications:

12. There are no other legal implications to consider at this stage.

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

13. The Southampton Housing Strategy 2011 - 2015 and Housing Revenue Account Business Plan 2010 – 2040 will form part of the Policy Framework following formal adoption by Full Council in due course.

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KEY DECISION? Yes

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	All
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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Non-confidential appendices are in the Members' Rooms and can be accessed on-line

Appendices

1.	Issues paper for developing the housing strategy 2011 - 2015 and housing revenue account business plan 2010 -2040
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Documents In Members' Rooms

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Integrated Impact Assessment

Do the implications/subject of the report require an Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) to be carried out.	Yes
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Other Background Documents

Integrated Impact Assessment and Other Background documents available for inspection at:

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