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## **HOUSING STRATEGY ACTION PLAN REVIEW (H000)**

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MEETING: 1. CABINET  
2. EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR HOUSING

DATE: 1. 21 APRIL 2015  
2. 10 APRIL 2015

REPORT BY: HOUSING SERVICE MANAGER BUSINESS PLANNING  
AND STRATEGY

WARD: ALL

COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY: ALL

KEY DECISION REFERENCE (IF APPLICABLE): 485

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### 1.0 **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To update Cabinet on progress in meeting the actions and targets in the Housing Strategy 2013-2016.
- 1.2 For Cabinet to approve new actions and targets in the Housing Strategy Action Plan for 2015-2016.

### 2.0 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That Cabinet note the progress towards delivering the actions in the Housing Strategy 2013-16.
- 2.2 That Cabinet approve the revised Housing Strategy Action Plan for 2015-16.

### 3.0 **BACKGROUND**

3.1 Council adopted the Chesterfield Housing Strategy 2013-2016 on 24 April 2013 which sets out the Council's housing priorities and plans for the period 2013 to 2016. These priorities are:

- Increasing the supply of high quality, sustainable homes
- Making better use of the existing stock
- Delivering quality housing and housing support services
- Encouraging a quality, thriving private housing sector

3.2 Within the Strategy itself it was acknowledged that it was being written at a time of significant change in the housing sector. As it was not clear what the effects of changes to Central Government housing policy would be locally the Strategy stated that the Action Plan would be reviewed to ensure it was still appropriate and relevant.

### 4.0 **CURRENT POSITION**

4.1 **Appendix 1** provides Cabinet with an update of the Housing Strategy Action Plan including the details of the work completed so far.

4.2 The actions that are ongoing and those that have not been, or are only partially completed, have been added to a revised Housing Strategy Action Plan set out at **Appendix 2**. This action plan takes into account the changes in services and service delivery at Chesterfield Borough Council in the past eighteen months and includes some new actions that have been identified following the changes to both Government and Derbyshire County Council policy.

### 5.0 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 The revised action plan will be delivered within existing General Fund and / or Housing Revenue Account resources.

5.2 Where possible we will continue to work cross boundary with neighbouring authorities and / or in partnership with other Registered Providers to deliver the strategic objectives and continue to make efficiency savings through economies of scale.

### 6.0 **RISK MANAGEMENT**

6.1 The actions contained within the revised Housing Strategy Action Plan include the implementation of statutory and good practice performance requirements. All relevant documents and reports have to be published

and available for public scrutiny. The individual risks associated with the implementation of any proposal will be considered as part of any specific report brought on those subjects.

## 7.0 **EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA)**

7.1 An EIA is attached in **Appendix 3**. There are no negative impacts on groups with protected characteristics identified. There are several groups that will benefit from the actions in the revised action plan – such as older persons, disabled persons and those experiencing deprivation and health inequalities.

## 8.0 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

8.1 That Cabinet note the progress towards delivering the actions in the Housing Strategy 2013-16

8.2 That Cabinet approve the revised Housing Strategy Action Plan for 2015-16.

## 9.0 **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

9.1 To set out an updated framework for our delivery of housing and housing related services.

9.2 To help meet the Council's Corporate Plan Priorities 2015-2019:

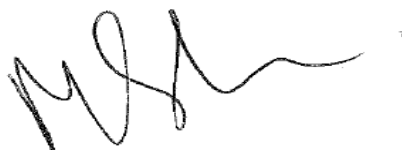
- To make Chesterfield a thriving Borough
- To improve the quality of life for local people

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Officer recommendation supported.



Signed Executive Member

Date 10/04/2015

Consultee Executive Member/Support Member comments (if applicable)