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Housing Strategy 2024 - 2027

STRATEGY AIMS:

The Housing Strategy will set out an ambitious vision for housing in the Borough, identifying key actions and priorities that are required to meet the challenges facing the Council and our residents in the coming years.

A new Housing Strategy will need to be prepared at the same time or after a new Local Plan has been prepared; due to the synergies between the two strategies. A new Local Plan will need to be prepared once the Government has enacted new legislation (Planning & Infrastructure Bill) and updated the National Planning Policy Framework and published associated updated Regulations and Guidance. The Council cannot start preparation of the new Local Plan until those issues have been clarified and put in place; similarly this will set a similar timetable for the Housing Strategy. Notwithstanding the uncertainty around the content and timing of the new Government guidance it is likely that any new Local Plan will take up to 30 months to prepare and be Adopted at Council; the Housing Strategy will be prepared in the same broad period.

ALIGNMENT WITH COUNCIL PRIORITIES

Start Life Well	Live and Age Well	Prosper and Flourish	Clean and Tidy	A Strong and Sustainable Council
The Housing Strategy seeks to provide appropriate housing which will contribute to supporting families and ultimately children to start life well and fulfil their potential.	The Housing Strategy seeks to provide appropriate housing that supports health and wellbeing; encouraging people to live independently.	The Housing Strategy seeks to provide appropriate housing which enables residents to gain skills and employment alongside investing in the fabric and condition of the housing stock of the borough.	The Housing Strategy does not specifically contribute to the clean and tidy priority.	The Housing Strategy seeks to provide appropriate housing that will facilitate new development and drive economic growth. This economic growth will increase external investment, Council tax income and increased overall expenditure in the borough.

PRINCIPLES

Principle 1	Principle 2	Principle 3
Building New Homes	Improving the Standards of Existing Housing and Neighbourhoods	Meeting the Needs of Our Ageing Population and Supporting People to Live Independently

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ACTIONS

Principles	Actions and timescales	Survive: Years 1 - 2 – Quarter to be delivered 2024/25, 2025/26	Strive: Years: 3 - 5	Thrive: Years 6 - 10
Principles 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aligning with the Local Plan housing proposals and stating what housing need will be met over the next 15 years 	Subject to Government Planning reforms the following is an indicative timescale of delivery: Mid 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning & Infrastructure Bill and NPPF Published Late 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start Local Plan Preparation Early 2026 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agree Local Plan Principles with Elected Members 2026-27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Plan Consultation, Examination and Adoption Housing Strategy Consultation and agreement at Cabinet/Council 	Implement the Local Plan and Housing Strategy in partnership	Implement the Local Plan and Housing Strategy in partnership
Principles 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with Registered Providers to help them ensure service provision to residents Investigate mechanisms for residents to access more affordable/renewable energy Investigate fuel poverty intervention schemes Working with private sector landlords to improve service provision Consider Selective Licencing 			
Principles 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with developers to increase Lifetime Homes built in the Borough Encouraging the building of more older person's housing Supporting the homeless and rough sleepers Working with Registered Providers to encourage them to provide more accommodation options for single people Consider the use of Disabled Facilities Grants Work with partners to develop appropriate supported housing schemes for vulnerable people 			

Measure of success	Performance indicator/outcome	Outturn position 2023/24	Survive: Years 1 - 2	Strive: Years 3 - 5	Thrive: Years 6 - 10
Building New Homes	Indicators to be identified when the Local Plan and Housing Strategy are prepared, but will likely include (as an example): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Net additional dwellings completed (e.g. 642 per year) % of new dwellings delivered being affordable housing (e.g. 20%) % of specific house types delivered (e.g. bungalows, single persons, detached etc.) % of new dwellings built using modern methods of construction 	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Improving the Standards of Existing Housing and Neighbourhoods	Indicators to be identified when the Housing Strategy is prepared, but will likely include (as an example): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of houses where conditions/standards are improved in the private rented sector and Registered Providers Number of properties benefitting from new affordable energy schemes 	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Meeting the Needs of Our Ageing Population and Supporting People to Live Independently	Indicators to be identified when the Housing Strategy is prepared, but will likely include (as an example): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of life-time homes completed per year Number of older person's accommodation developed per year Incidents of homelessness per year 	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

