

North East Derbyshire District Council

Communities Scrutiny Committee

13 November 2024

Housing Strategy and Private Sector Housing Strategy

Report of the Assistant Director of Communities

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PURPOSE / SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the new housing and private sector strategies that have been commissioned with ARC4 housing. Both strategies are in final draft form and ready for consultation. The report seeks to inform the scrutiny committee of the upcoming consultation process and to provide a summary of the strategies at this stage.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To inform Scrutiny of the Consultation Campaign
2. To give Scrutiny an update on the draft strategies at this stage

IMPLICATIONS

Finance and Risk: Yes No

Details:

The strategies have no financial risks.

On Behalf of the Section 151 Officer

Legal (including Data Protection): Yes No

Details:

The strategies and consultation do not have any legal risks, the consultation is being carried out by the Councils Communications and Governance teams and will comply with data protection.

On Behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

Staffing: Yes No

Details:

Consultation will be carried out by existing staff.

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

DECISION INFORMATION

Decision Information	
<p>Is the decision a Key Decision? A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds:</p> <p>NEDDC: Revenue - £125,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £310,000 <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i></p>	No
<p>Is the decision subject to Call-In? (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</p>	No
<p>District Wards Significantly Affected</p>	None
Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) details:	
<p>Stage 1 screening undertaken</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed EIA stage 1 to be appended if not required to do a stage 2 	Not applicable at this time.
<p>Stage 2 full assessment undertaken</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed EIA stage 2 needs to be appended to the report 	No, not applicable at this time
<p>Consultation: Leader / Deputy Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Cabinet <input type="checkbox"/> SMT <input type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Members <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Details: Scrutiny panel</p>

Links to Council Plan priorities, including Climate Change, Economic and Health implications.

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REPORT DETAILS

1 Background (reasons for bringing the report)

- 1.1 ARC4 housing consultants were commissioned to produce a Housing Strategy and Private Sector Housing Strategy.
- 1.2 Both strategies are now in draft format and ready for consultation

2. Details of Proposal or Information

- 2.1 The consultation campaign will commence on 18 November to 16 December 2024 allowing residents stakeholders to contribute.
- 2.2 Residents and organisations will be able to have their say via an online survey.
- 2.2 The consultation will be promoted through an article in the NEWS. This will ensure the consultation reaches a wide audience. A link to the website survey will be included in the article along with a bar code for ease of use.
- 2.3 The link to the survey will also be sent via email to external partner organisations, including RP's, Law Centre, CAB, other LA's.
- 2.4 The Housing strategy focuses on our housing priorities within the Council plan. The challenges and objectives are based on robust evidence, national and local policy, and current and emerging legislation.
- 2.5 We want our new Housing Strategy to be our most ambitious ever, setting out the strategic framework for meeting the council's housing priorities across all tenure.
- 2.6 The Private Sector Housing Strategy is the first of its kind for the Council and is intended to support our over-arching housing strategy by setting out our detailed plans for both home ownership and private rented housing.
- 2.7 The questions for the consultation survey gives an overview of each objective for both strategies.
- 2.8 It is envisioned both strategies along with detailed action plans will be implemented by February 2025.

3 Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 To give the scrutiny panel information of the upcoming consultation and give an overview of both of the strategies at this stage.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 4.1 No alternative options applicable

DOCUMENT INFORMATION

Appendix No	Title
A	Consultation survey questions
B	Draft Housing Strategy
C	Draft Private Sector Strategy

Background Papers (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet you must provide copies of the background papers)