

**North East Derbyshire District Council**

**Cabinet**

**13 February 2020**

**NEDDC Housing Strategy**

**Report of Councillor R Welton, Portfolio Holder for Housing**

This report is public

**Purpose of the Report**

- To present the draft Housing Strategy 2020/24 to Cabinet for adoption.

**1 Report Details**

- 1.1 The proposed Housing Strategy 2020/24 sets out the Council's approach to meeting current and future housing need in the District. The Strategy is broad in scope to recognise the factors impacting on housing – such as population projection, employment, local environment, climate change, funding and legislation.
- 1.2 The Strategy is built on the themes and priorities established in the Council Plan and demonstrates how housing not only contributes to each of these but can actively drive them in terms of scale and positive impact for the District.
- 1.3 One of the core requirements of the Strategy is to identify the current and future housing need in the District considering a wide range of indicators. This then provides an evidence base for priorities and actions identified in the Housing Strategy.
- 1.4 Housing need in the District has been identified using the Government's National Planning Policy Framework which prescribes a standardised housing needs calculation. The calculations were undertaken through the commissioning of the joint Strategic Housing Market Assessment (updated 2017) which provided analysis and recommendations.

**2 Conclusions and Reasons for Recommendation**

- 2.1 The Housing Strategy has been written so the Council can clearly set out how it will provide and enable the development of housing in the District. The Strategy has been drafted so that it can be easily understood, promoted and communicated through the media and partner agencies.
- 2.2 Within the strategy are the key deliverable priorities against each theme identified through consultation. To ensure these are effectively delivered, below each of these will be more detailed SMART plans monitored through the Housing Board.

2.3 A key priority identified in the Council Plan 2019/23 is to implement a revised growth Strategy. The priorities identified in the Housing Strategy make it a crucial driver for the Council's ambition for economic growth and business development.

### **3 Consultation and Equality Impact**

3.1 The Council carried out a period of consultation on the identified key strategic priorities through a variety of channels, including online with residents and partner agencies, and through workshops with elected members and officers of the Council.

3.2 The Strategy considers the demographic profile of people living in the District. It also provides a projection of specific future needs and interprets these into the types of future housing and housing services to meet these needs.

3.3 Priorities have been identified through the aspirations and vision of the wider Council Plan. The Strategy is based on a robust evidence base including data gathered from local knowledge and key documents and data such as:

- The North Derbyshire and Bassetlaw Strategic Housing Market Assessment update 2017
- The 2012 North East Derbyshire Housing Needs, Market and Affordability Study
- Variety of data sources such as ONS, Census, Housing Register and Hometrack
- The Publication Draft Local Plan – (Currently unadopted)
- North East Derbyshire's National Planning Policy Framework Five Year Housing Supply
- North East Derbyshire Strategies and Policies
- Derbyshire wide strategies and policies

### **4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection**

4.1 The identified housing need is based on a projected demographic need baseline and subsequently over-laid to take account of the Council's ambition to grow the economy in the District. This option for a higher target meets recommended National Planning guidance and is recommended in the Strategic Housing Needs Assessment.

### **5 Implications**

#### **5.1 Finance and Risk Implications**

5.1.1 The financial implications arising from the projects identified in the attached draft Strategy will be the subject of financial modelling included as part of project business models presented to the Council for approval.

5.1.2 The risk implications arising from the projects identified in the strategy will be subject to the Council's appetite and approach to Risk Management Strategy and considered/scored accordingly.

## 5.2 Legal Implications including Data Protection

5.2.1 There are no legal or data protection implications arising from the proposal in this report. Legal implications arising from any of the individual projects identified in the proposed Strategy will be subject to consideration as part of the Council's approval process for those projects.

## 5.3 Human Resources Implications

5.3.1 There are no Human Resource implications arising from the proposal in this report.

## 6 Recommendations

6.1 That Cabinet approve the Housing Strategy 2020-2023.

6.2 That the approved Strategy is promoted to all stakeholders, partners and local media.

## 7 Decision Information

<b>Is the decision a Key Decision?</b> 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: <i>BDC: Revenue - £75,000</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Capital - £150,000</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>NEDDC: Revenue - £100,000</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Capital - £250,000</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i>	No
<b>Is the decision subject to Call-In?</b> (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)	No
<b>Has the relevant Portfolio Holder been informed</b>	Yes
<b>District Wards Affected</b>	All
<b>Links to Corporate Plan priorities or Policy Framework</b>	All

8 **Document Information**

Appendix No	Title	
1	North East Derbyshire District Council Housing Strategy	
<p><b>Background Papers</b> (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 (NEDDC) or Executive (BDC) you must provide copies of the background papers)</p>		
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