



OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

7TH JUNE 2016

AGENDA ITEM (9)

CONSULTATION ON THE DRAFT HOUSING PLAN

Accountable Member	Councillor Mrs. SL Jepson Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities
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Purpose of Report	To provide an opportunity for the Committee to consider and comment on the draft Housing Plan.
Recommendation(s)	That the draft Housing Plan be considered and any comments thereon be forwarded to the Cabinet.
Reason(s) for Recommendation(s)	The formal consultation opened on 3 rd May 2016 and closes on 14 th June 2016. Any comments from the Committee will be relayed to the Cabinet, along with the consultation response report.

Ward(s) Affected	All
Key Decision	Yes
Recommendation to Council	No

Financial Implications	None for this Committee
Legal and Human Rights Implications	None
Environmental and Sustainability Implications	None
Human Resource Implications	Minimal. Any comments by the Committee will be considered by the Strategic Housing Team prior to re-submission to the Cabinet in July. The Team will take account of any comments requiring significant amendment of the Plan prior to its consideration by the Cabinet.
Key Risks	None
Equalities Impact Assessment	An Equalities Impact Assessment has been completed and the findings have been incorporated into the Plan

Related Decisions	Cabinet 21 st April 2016
Background Documents	None
Appendices	<p>Appendix A - Report to Cabinet on 21st April 2016 (excluding Appendices)</p> <p>Appendix B - Draft Housing Plan 2016 - 2020</p> <p>Appendix C - Draft Housing Action Plan 2016 - 2018</p>

Performance Management Follow Up	Report any comments from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to Cabinet.
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Options for Joint Working	The Housing Plan includes various areas of joint working with West Oxfordshire and other Gloucestershire authorities. There is no opportunity for joint working on the consultation process. The draft Housing Plan has been shared with the Gloucestershire authorities and West Oxfordshire. Some of these partners are about to produce new strategies.
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<p>Background Information</p> <p>1. The current Housing Plan expires in 2016. On 21st April 2016 the Cabinet approved the consultation draft of the Housing Plan and Housing Action Plan. The Cabinet also agreed that the current Housing Plan would remain in force until a new Plan is approved. A copy of the report to Cabinet is attached at Appendix 'A'.</p> <p>2. The six week period of consultation commenced on 3rd May and will end on 14th June 2016. As part of that process, the Cabinet agreed that this Committee should be given the opportunity to consider the draft Housing Plan and Action Plan, so that any comments raised can be taken into consideration prior to a decision being made by Cabinet.</p> <p>3. The Cabinet is due to consider the revised Housing Plan and the consultation responses at its Meeting scheduled to be held on Thursday 7th July 2016.</p> <p>4. The Housing Plan attached at Appendix 'B', and the Action Plan attached at Appendix 'C' were drafted to satisfy the statutory requirements to produce a Homelessness Strategy and a Strategic Tenancy Policy. The Housing Plan also details the work of the Council's housing services on these issues and others which support the Council's "To champion issues which are important to local people" priority.</p>

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