

Record of Decision

Draft Housing Strategy and Associated Documents for Consultation

Decision Taker

Cabinet on 17 December 2019

Decision

That the draft Housing Strategy, together with the drafts of the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy, the Housing Standards Enforcement Policy and the Houses in Multiple Occupation Standards, be published for consultation.

Reason for the Decision

The Housing Strategy forms part of the Council's Policy Framework setting out the Council's ambitions, aims and objectives in respect of housing. The Cabinet now wishes to gather feedback from the wider community in Torbay on the proposed content of the Housing Strategy and some of its associated documents (many of the housing related Policies/Strategies follow a separate consultation process/timeline).

Implementation

This decision will come into force immediately so as to commence formal public consultation.

Information

As part of the work of developing the draft Community and Corporate Plan, a proposed new Housing Strategy for Torbay had been prepared which set out the Cabinet's plans towards meeting its priority of improving the delivery, affordability and quality of housing in Torbay.

The Council's housing responsibilities cover a broad range of issues, from identifying land for new homes to improving old ones and meeting the wide variety of housing needs of our communities. More detailed strategies and policies sit beneath the Housing Strategy, setting out the Council's aims and delivery plans in specific areas. A number of these have been reviewed alongside the Housing Strategy and it is proposed that the following documents are subject to consultation at the same time:

- Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy
- Housing Standards Enforcement Policy
- Houses in Multiple Occupation Standards

Councillor Long proposed and Councillor Morey seconded a motion, as set out above which was agreed unanimously by the Cabinet.

Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision

None

Is this a Key Decision?

Yes – Reference Number: I060815

Does the call-in procedure apply?

No

Declarations of interest (including details of any relevant dispensations issued by the Standards Committee)

None

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Signed: _____
Leader of Torbay Council on behalf of the Cabinet

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