

Committee: Health and Housing Committee
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Agenda Item No: 2
Title: Housing Strategy Statement and Housing Business Plan
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Summary

- 1 This report requests the Committee to approve the Housing Strategy Statement (HSS) and 30 Year Housing Business Plan (30YHBP) 2004-07 and recommend it to Full Council for its adoption.

Background

- 2 The draft HSS and draft 30YHBP covering 2004-07 will be circulated to Members of the Committee in the near future.
- 3 These documents are revised each year by the Council in accordance with Government requirements. They are regarded as very key documents concerning the Council's housing service both as a landlord and as an enabler of new housing opportunities within the district.
- 4 Both these documents have been discussed by the Housing Strategy Working party who, after careful consideration, recommend them for approval to this Committee.
- 5 The draft documents have been initially assessed by GO-East and the comments submitted have been incorporated in the text. There is a requirement for the Council's formal submission to GO EAST to be made by 17 December 2003.
- 6 It should be noted that it is the intention of GO EAST that all submissions by Councils ultimately receive 'Fit for Purpose' status. Accordingly, if there are still any outstanding issues highlighted by GO-EAST after 17 December 2003 there may be a need for further discussions until the documents achieve this status. In such an event a further report will be submitted to the Committee.
- 7 Once 'Fit for Purpose' has been achieved GO EAST will, it is understood, only require updated information for the three year period covered by the documents.

RECOMMENDED that the Committee recommend the HSS and 30 YHBP to the Full Council for adoption.

Background Papers: 2003 – 2006 HSS & 30 YHBP
Government Guidance on HSS and 30 YHBP