

LOCAL HOUSING NEEDS STUDY - UPDATE

Health Liaison Board - 24 May 2017

Report of Chief Planning Officer

Status For Information

Key Decision No

This report supports the Key Aim of housing, health and wider community strategy as set out in the District Council's Community Plan.

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Recommendation to the Health Liaison Board: That Members note the report.

Reason for recommendation: To inform the District Council's new Housing Strategy.

Introduction and Background

- 1 Back in 2016, the District Council agreed to review its existing housing strategy with a view to developing an updated version and one which would better integrate housing and health services.
- 2 In order to do so, it was agreed to commission a Local Housing Needs Study (LHNS) to build on evidence contained in the District Council's latest Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA). Whereas the aim of the SHMA is to provide high-level data in order to balance the housing market, the LHNS is intended to qualify housing aspirations and provides much more detailed housing-related data down to individual ward level. The LHNS also provides information across a wide-range of client groups, including older and vulnerable people.
- 3 The LHNS was completed in early 2017 and has subsequently informed a Draft Housing Strategy. In addition, the LHNS is a key evidence base as part of the District Council's current review of its Local Plan and has also helped to inform its Issues and Options Paper.
- 4 As the final LHNS report has not been received at the time of writing this report, key findings will be provided at the meeting.

