

HOUSING NEEDS STUDY

Housing and Health Advisory Committee - 28 February 2017

Report of Chief Planning Officer

Status For Information

Key Decision No

This report supports the Key Aim of developing housing strategy and wider objectives as set out in the Community Plan.

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Recommendation to the Housing and Health Advisory Committee: That Members note the report and related housing needs evidence as set out in the consultant's presentation.

Reason for recommendation: To provide Members with a better understanding of the District's housing needs and as part of the development of a 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, and to build on evidence contained in the District Council's Strategic Housing Market Assessment 2015 (SHMA), it was agreed to commission a more detailed housing needs study.
- 3 Fieldwork is now complete and the key findings/recommendations will be set out in the study consultant's presentation. This presentation is not being circulated beforehand, but will be provided to Members following the meeting. The full and final housing needs study report is due to be provided to the District Council in March and, again, this will be circulated to Members when received.
- 4 As well as informing a new housing strategy, the housing needs study will also be a key evidence base for the District Council's emerging Local Plan.

