

Item 11 - Summary of the Sevenoaks District Emerging Housing Strategy

The attached report was considered by the Housing & Health Advisory Committee on 17 January 2022. The relevant Minute extract is below.

Housing & Health Advisory Committee (17 January 2022, Minute 46)

The Housing Strategy Manager presented the report which sets out a summary of the key priorities and themes of Sevenoaks District Council's emerging housing strategy. The Council appointed recognised consultants, Arc4 and Campbell Tickell, to work with officers to support the collation of the evidence base, consultation and drafting of the strategy. The Strategy represented the emerging objectives and key priorities for Sevenoaks District.

Further consultation would help shape the new Housing Strategy which would identify how the Council would manage and deliver its strategic housing role and provide an overarching framework that would feed into the Local Plan and help to formulate other policies on housing issues.

Members discussed the report and stressed the lack of options for first time buyers. It was noted that the draft timetable would be amended as public consultation would be extended into April 2022. Parish Councils were to be contacted and consulted as required.

Public Sector Equality Duty

Members noted that consideration had been given to impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty.

Resolved: it be recommended to Cabinet that public consultation be undertaken.