

Item 6 (a) - Housing Strategy 2022 - 2027

The attached report was considered by the Cabinet, and the relevant minute extract is below:

The Portfolio Holder for People & Places Advisory Committee presented the report which proposed the Housing Strategy for adoption following its consultation. Responses had been positive and there was good support for the proposed schemes. Areas of note included protecting the green belt, the type and quality of new housing, energy efficiency and the need for more affordable housing. The Housing & Health Advisory Committee had considered the same report. Following this Officers had provided additional information as detailed within the agenda papers. The Committee recommended its adoption.

The Interim Head of Housing advised that the themes contained in the draft Housing Strategy 2022 - 2027 were subject to public consultation between 14 February and 18 April 2022. Over 140 responses were received, alongside engagement with elected, members, town and parish councils, housing associations and the voluntary sector. It was considered that a broad range of participants responded to the consultation. Subsequent to the consultation, it remained the case that officers believed the themes of the Housing Strategy addressed the housing needs and aspirations of local people, whatever their background.

Members discussed the report.

Public Sector Equality Duty

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

Resolved: That

- a) the feedback received from the public consultation, be noted;
- b) the Housing Strategy 2022-2027 be noted; and
- c) it be recommended to Council that the Housing Strategy 2022-27, be adopted.