

REPORT OF Cabinet 02/ 2023/2024

FULL COUNCIL 4 March 2024

Chair: Cllr Peray Ahmet – Leader of the Council
Cabinet Member – Ruth Gordon Cabinet Member for Council House building, Placemaking, and Local Economy

1. INTRODUCTION

This report arises from the Cabinet meeting held on the 5 December 2023 and asks Full Council to adopt the following:

- Housing Strategy for Haringey

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- 2.1 A local Housing Strategy sets out the local housing authority's vision for housing in its area. It sets out objectives and targets and policies on how the authority intends to manage and deliver its strategic housing role and provides an overarching framework against which the authority considers and formulates other policies on more specific housing issues.
- 2.2 Robust strategies are widely recognised as essential to the delivery of local authorities' housing functions. Haringey's current Housing Strategy runs from 2017-2022. A new Housing Strategy is therefore required.
- 2.3 Following Cabinet approval in December 2023, the Cabinet now proposes that Full Council adopt a new Housing Strategy to set out the Council's vision and strategic approach to housing in Haringey over the next five years. This is in accordance with Council's Policy Framework, Article 4.01(a) of the Councils Constitution.
- 2.4 The attached report was considered at Cabinet on the 5th of December 2023 and provided an overview of that proposed new Housing Strategy, its context, and the processes through which it has been developed, focusing on the consultation carried out by the Council between September and December 2022.

We discussed the following:

- The Local Plan had a policy on affordable housing for all new schemes, this sought out a split of 70% social rented housing and 30% intermediate housing. Officers would seek intermediate housing as part of any negotiations.

- The Council were not the only party building affordable homes in the borough. There were several significant registered social landlord's schemes and private developers bringing forward affordable housing.
- The evidence from the housing needs work showed that some forms of intermediate housing were not affordable in Haringey's context. Officers were looking more at providing intermediate rent options, this would be more accessible for the target groups.
- The Council have had their first meeting with the Homelessness Reduction Board. This had a high turn-out from partners and was a positive step forward.
- Following the Annual Rough Sleeper count, there was a total number of 49 rough sleepers. The Council needed to have a joined-up approach to address the issue and help get residents into stable homes. Housing First was one of the pathways which would enable this, the Council had just been successful in a bid for finance behind this scheme.
- The Council were building accessible homes to lifetime home standards.

2.5 In accordance with Part four Section E paragraph 2.2 of the Council's Constitution, we noted that the Housing, Placemaking and Development Scrutiny Panel had no specific changes to the Housing Strategy and noted their comments which were set out in the attached report at Appendix 1.

3. WE RECOMMEND

3.1.1 Full Council notes Appendix 3 which details the outcome of the consultation.

3.1.2 Full Council adopts the Housing Strategy attached at Appendix 2.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Cabinet Report on Housing Strategy 5 December 2023

Appendix 2 – A new Housing Strategy for Haringey

Appendix 3 – Report on the draft Housing Strategy consultation, September to December 2022

Appendix 4 - EQIA