

Housing Strategy Updates

1.0 Purpose of the Report.

- 1.1 To provide an information report to the Integrated Housing Board on progress being made to produce a number of new strategies. These strategies will cover the period 2008 to 2012.

2.0 Recommendation.

- 2.1 That the Board note the report and agree to receive a quarterly report on progress.

3.0 Background

- 3.1 A range of housing strategies are in place covering the period 2003 to 2008. These include a:

- Housing Strategy
- Homelessness strategy
- Private Sector Strategy.

- 3.2 All three strategies were updated for the period 2007-8 and now require fundamental review.

- 3.3 Work has commenced on developing the new strategies and once the inspection of the Strategic and Community service is completed the work will become a high priority.

- 3.4 The three strategies will reflect both the priorities of the Sustainable Communities Strategy and the targets set out in the Local Area Agreement (LAA)

- 3.5 The strategies will take account of the London Mayors' Draft Housing Strategy and the importance of the North London sub region.

- 3.6 The Housing Green Paper and the new emerging planning framework will be taken account of as will key issues arising from the Cave and Hills reviews as well as DCLG guidance.

4.0 Approach.

- 4.1 A project Board will oversee the development work and a project group will bring together key partners and staff to oversee strategy development.

- 4.2 We propose to use a standard approach to all strategies including the introduction of executive summaries and Smart Action Plans. Each area of work set out in a strategy will reflect strategic priorities, LAA targets and Key Line of Enquiry (KLOE) requirements.

- 4.3 Consultation with service users and stakeholders will be set out in a consultation plan. Staff will be fully involved in strategy development.

5.0 Briefing Report and Project Plan.

5.1 A Briefing paper setting out key issues is being written and a project plan will be developed for each strategy.

6.0 Reporting Progress on Strategy Development

6.1 It is proposed to bring a report on each strategy and the draft strategies to the IHB for consideration.

6.0 Conclusion

6.1 This report identifies three key strategies that will be upgraded in 2007-8. It sets out the initial progress and initial proposals on managing the development of them.

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