

REPORT 3 OF THE CABINET TO FULL COUNCIL ON 21 NOVEMBER 2016

Chair:
Councillor Claire Kober

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This report to Full Council arises from consideration of the following report by the Cabinet:

- Adoption of the Housing Strategy [2017-2022]

2. SUMMARY OF CONSIDERATIONS

2.1 Adoption of the Housing Strategy [2017-2022]

We considered the proposed Haringey's Housing Strategy for 2017-2022, following completion of a second stage of consultation for agreement and referral to full Council for adoption.

Although there was an existing Housing Strategy in place, the Cabinet Member felt it had been important to revise the strategy in response to a changed legislative and market environment and to set out clearly what the Council was trying to achieve for housing in the borough with a vision and priorities. Also, at the same time, having flexibility in the strategy to respond to nationally changing housing environment.

We considered the importance of housing: in building strong and successful communities, its impact on health, in childhood, in old age, and for influencing life chances.

We noted the 4 housing priorities/objectives being followed which also underpinned the proceeding housing Cabinet reports on the agenda concerned with Housing supply, Temporary accommodation, Housing investment and intermediate housing. This included:

- A step change in new homes being built – there was an evident need to build more homes as there was shortage of all types of housing and all types of tenure as set out in the report due to previous government policies limiting the new build of homes. There was a need to serve people on low income left behind in the open market.
- Improve support and help to prevent homelessness. The number of preventions had gone up through working with Home for Haringey but there was more to do.
- Quality of housing for all residents includes working with providers in the borough to improve the quality of homes, being tougher on the design of the private homes, pushing up the quality of homes in the private rented sector.

- Delivering wider community benefits such as more jobs and apprenticeships.

We considered the engagement with residents and homelessness residents in the development of the strategy and noted the challenges being put forward to housing providers through the housing strategy discussions, generating new ideas to come forward, and demonstrating the Leadership value of the strategy.

WE RECOMMEND FULL COUNCIL:

Agree and adopt the revised and final version of Haringey's Housing Strategy, attached as appendix 2 to the Cabinet report, having considered the feedback from and the response to the second stage consultation conducted on Haringey's Housing Strategy, set out in appendix 1 of the attached Cabinet report and the revised and final version of the Equalities Impact Assessment, attached as appendix 3 to the Cabinet report.