

## **Regeneration and Housing Board Topic Review**

### **Purpose**

- 1.1 Members of the Regeneration and Housing Board agreed at the meeting held on 2 July 2019 to carry out a topic review into Homelessness and the Empty Homes Strategy.
- 1.2 At an informal meeting held on 12 September 2019, consideration was given to the scope of the topic review and the following possible lines of enquiry were identified
  - Demand for housing outweighs the supply.
  - The demand for properties dictates the need to respond. The Council's response can have an effect on the need to provide temporary accommodation.
  - It was felt that whilst the Empty Homes Strategy does make a contribution, overall, it had very little effect on the position.
  - Consideration should be given to how the Board could influence the proportion of affordable housing provided on developments or if an affordable housing contribution could be made in lieu. Was this something that could be addressed through the Local Plan process?
  - The focus of the topic review should be 'what the Council does now or could do in the future to meet the demand for more affordable homes in the City.'
- 1.3 The work programme of the Board already had several Housing related items scheduled for this meeting which provided an opportunity to consider the scope of the topic review and gather evidence.
- 1.4 Presentations on Affordable Housing Demand and Affordable Housing Growth have therefore been prepared for consideration by the Board.
- 1.5 Information has been provided from a Planning perspective and this is set out in appendix 2 of the report.

### **Recommendations**

- 2.1 To consider and comment on the presentations on Affordable Housing Demand and Affordable Housing Growth.

- 2.2 To consider information from the Planning perspective set out in appendix 2 of the report.
- 2.3 To consider and approve the scope of the Topic Review.

### **Reason**

- 3.1 To enable work on the topic review to commence.

### **Supporting information**

- 4.1 The Council Constitution limits one topic review report to be submitted to the Council Cabinet every six months from Scrutiny Boards. It is possible for each Board to conduct two reviews in each municipal year.

### **Public/stakeholder engagement**

- 5.1 Derby Homes, Strategic Housing and Planning officers have been consulted and will provide evidence to assist the topic review.

### **Other options**

- 6.1 None.

### **Financial and value for money issues**

- 7.1 None arising directly from this report.

### **Legal implications**

- 8.1 None arising directly from this report.

### **Other significant implications**

- 9.1 None arising directly from this report.

**This report has been approved by the following people:**

<b>Role</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Date of sign-off</b>
<b>Legal</b>	N/A	
<b>Finance</b>	N/A	
<b>Service Director(s)</b>	N/A	
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	Paul Clarke	
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**Background papers:**

**List of appendices:** Appendix 1 – Scoping report

