



Housing Select Committee

Report title: Update on Housing Futures Programme

Date: 12th September 2023

Key decision: No

Class: Part 1

Ward(s) affected: All

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Outline and recommendations

This presentation by the Housing Transformation Programme Lead on Housing Futures will update Committee on the latest position relating to the Housing Futures Programme.

The Committee is asked to note and comment on the content of the presentation.

1. Summary

- 1.1. This report will be followed by a presentation by the Housing Transformation Programme Lead. The presentation will provide the Committee with an update on the Housing Futures Programme. Following the presentation, members of the Committee will have an opportunity to ask questions.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. The Committee is asked to note and comment on the content of the presentation provided by the Housing Transformation Programme Lead.

3. Policy Context

- 3.1. Receiving this update from officers will help the Committee to support the aims and objectives of the Council's Corporate Strategy, namely:
 - *Quality Housing* - to provide as many people as possible with safe, comfortable accommodation that they can be proud of and holding landlords to account.

4. Background

- 4.1. This report will be followed by a presentation at the meeting which will provide the Committee with an update on Housing Futures.

- 4.2. The presentation will cover the following:
- a) Programme progress made to date
 - b) Staff transition
 - c) Resident involvement
 - d) Housing Directorate – structure and update on recruitment of the new Senior Management team

5. Financial implications

- 5.1. There are no direct financial implications arising from the content of this report.

6. Legal implications

- 6.1. There are no direct legal implications arising from the content of this report.

7. Equalities implications

- 7.1. Equality Act 2010 brought together all previous equality legislation in England, Scotland and Wales. The Act included a new public sector equality duty, replacing the separate duties relating to race, disability and gender equality. The duty came into force on 6 April 2011. It covers the following nine protected characteristics: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.

- 7.2. The Council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to:
- eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act
 - advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
 - foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.

- 7.3. There are no direct equalities implications arising from the content of this report.

8. Climate change and environmental implications

- 8.1. There are no direct climate change or environmental implications arising from the content of this report.

- 8.2. In February 2019 Lewisham Council declared a Climate Emergency and proposed a target to make the borough carbon neutral by 2030. An action plan to achieve this target was subsequently agreed by Mayor and Cabinet (following pre-decision scrutiny by the Sustainable Development Select Committee)¹. The plan incorporates all areas of the Council's work. The Committee should acknowledge and consider the climate change and environmental implications of any piece of work that it scrutinises, reviews or comments on.

9. Crime and disorder implications

- 9.1. There are no direct crime and disorder implications arising from the content of this report.

10. Health and wellbeing implications

- 10.1. There are no direct health and wellbeing implications arising from the content of this

¹ See <https://lewisham.gov.uk/TacklingTheClimateEmergency> for a summary of the Council's work in this area.

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11. Appendices

- 11.1. Appendix A - Presentation from Housing Transformation Programme Lead.

12. Report author and contact

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