



REPORT OF: HOUSING, HEALTH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
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PENDLE HOUSING STRATEGY 2018 – 2023

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To agree the Pendle Housing Strategy 2018 - 2023.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Pendle Housing Strategy 2018 - 2023 be approved.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

That Council agree with the approach being taken towards its strategic housing role and responsibilities

ISSUE

Further to Policy and Resources Committee on 24th July 2018, it was resolved that subject to further discussions between the three Group Leaders, Councillor P. Foxley and relevant officers, the Pendle Housing Strategy for 2018-2023 be agreed and submitted to Council for approval. The Strategy has since been amended to reflect the outcome of these discussions.

The Housing Strategy was last refreshed in 2014 and whilst its objectives remain relevant, a new Pendle Housing Strategy 2018 - 2023 (Appendix 1) has been developed to support the delivery of some of the key priorities in Pendle's Strategic Plan 2018-20 and be complementary to other strategies such as our Jobs & Growth Strategy 2013-23.

Its purpose is to show what we, the Council, will do about the strategic housing priorities for Pendle. It lists the key actions we'll be undertaking, with partners, in order to deliver this strategy.

Vision and Objectives of the new Housing Strategy

Vision

To have a balanced housing market that supports economic growth and social well-being in Pendle. To maximise the potential of our housing markets by diversifying and improving the housing offer, ensuring it is attractive and affordable and meets the needs and aspirations of our communities.

- **Objective 1:** To ensure a sufficient quantity, quality, and appropriate type of housing supply, to meet the aspirations and social needs of Pendle
- **Objective 2:** To develop sustainable neighbourhoods that can retain and attract successful households
- **Objective 3:** To meet the housing and support needs of residents and vulnerable people

IMPLICATIONS

Policy

This new Housing Strategy show what we, the Council, will do about the strategic housing priorities for Pendle. It lists the key actions we'll be undertaking, with partners, in order to deliver this strategy.

Financial

It is anticipated that the Housing Strategy will be delivered via existing funding and that there is no additional financial resources required.

Legal

Whilst there is no requirement to hold a 'housing strategy', the Council does retain strategic housing responsibilities and this document helps towards continued delivery of its statutory duties.

Risk Management

Whilst there is no requirement to hold a 'housing strategy', the Council retains strategic housing responsibilities and therefore failure to regularly consider how the Council will deliver on its responsibilities and plan ahead, could be considered irresponsible.

Health and Safety:

There are no known health & safety implication

Sustainability:

The Housing Strategy will support the delivery of some of the key priorities in Pendle's Strategic Plan 2018-20 and be complementary to other strategies such as our Jobs & Growth Strategy 2013-23.

Community Safety:

There are no known community safety implications.

Equality and Diversity:

A service impact assessment has been completed and whilst no negative impacts were identified, there will be some positive impacts:-

- **Reduce homelessness in Pendle** - Homelessness tends to disproportionately affect people young people in comparison to other age groups.
- **Ensure support needs of residents and vulnerable people are met** – Whilst all protected groups may be vulnerable, supported housing tends to support those who are disabled and young people aged 16 – 21.

- ***Enable people to remain in their own homes*** - whilst all protected groups could at some time be assisted by hospital discharge processes, DFG's tend to support those households with a family member who is disabled. Those who are elderly may benefit more than other groups from the DFG scheme as they may be more likely to require interventions such as stairlifts to remain in their own home.
- ***Support the delivery of an Extra Care facility*** – These schemes are more likely to benefit those who are elderly and perhaps have a disablement.
- ***Ensure the sustainability of the Women's Refuge*** – this scheme is for female victims of domestic abuse and their families.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Proposed Housing Strategy 2018 - 2023