

Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board

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Somerset Draft Strategic Housing Framework 2018 - 2022

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Summary:	<p>The current Housing Framework was published in 2013 and covered the period up to 2016. Work on the new Strategic Housing Framework started in 2017.</p> <p>Strong and effective strategic Leadership, a local economy that provides opportunity for all, homes in Somerset that are good for your health and a society that supports the vulnerable are the themes of the draft Somerset Strategic Housing Framework 2018 to 2022</p> <p>All agencies, including the NHS and Social Care are impacted by issues of housing availability, quality and suitability. The economy relies on a sufficient supply of homes in order to attract and retain a skilled workforce.</p> <p>The draft Framework sets out the strategic direction for housing activity in the County, dealing with housing need, supply and our approach to quality and management of existing and new housing stock.</p>		
Recommendations:	<p>That the Health and Wellbeing Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Note this update report on progress of the Strategic Housing Framework for Somerset• Advise as to consideration of identified housing related health impacts through the Health and Care Strategy 'Fit for Your Future' and the STP• Advise with regard to ensuring strong links between the		

	Strategic Housing Framework and the new Health and Wellbeing Strategy, 'Improving Lives'
Reasons for Recommendations:	Good quality, affordable homes is a prerequisite of positive health and wellbeing.
Links to Somerset Health and Wellbeing Strategy:	As above
Financial, Legal and HR Implications:	N/A
Equalities Implications:	An equalities impact assessment has been undertaken and is available here: http://www.somerset.gov.uk/policies-and-plans/strategies/somerset-strategic-housing-framework/ The draft Strategy takes account of findings from the impact assessment.
Risk Assessment:	There are a number of risks for Somerset which would arise from not having a Strategic approach to Housing : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk of Organisations operating in 'silos' resulting in unintended consequences • Risk of insufficient affordable housing for young families and key workers • Risk of insufficient housing for key groups such as Care Leavers, Disabled people, older people

1. Background

- 1.1. The current Housing Framework was published in 2013 and covered the period up to 2016. It is available on our web site at: <http://www.somerset.gov.uk/policies-and-plans/strategies/somerset-strategic-housing-framework/>

Work on the new Strategic Housing Framework started in 2017. Strong and effective strategic Leadership, a local economy that provides opportunity for all, homes in Somerset that are good for your health and a society that supports the vulnerable are the themes of the draft Somerset Strategic Housing Framework 2018 to 2022.

The Somerset Strategic Housing Framework has been prepared by the Somerset Strategic Housing Partnership (SSHP), comprising representation from the five Somerset local housing authorities, Housing Associations, Exmoor National Park and the County Council including Adult Social Care, Public Health and Strategic Planning.

Local authorities have a broad role to play in supporting and regulating the housing sector and creating sustainable communities. In improving the health and wellbeing of ourselves and our families, and in supporting individuals to live well and independently - all agencies, including the NHS and Social Care are impacted by issues of housing availability, the quality; design and suitability.

- 1.2. The Framework sets out a vision for housing in Somerset at the heart of which is collective Strong and effective strategic **Leadership** which will deliver across an integrated system that embraces communities, housing, health & wellbeing, social care and town & country planning.

The Framework also sets out three major themes and under each one, a set of priorities and ambitions.

A local Economy that provides opportunity for all:

Increase housing supply across all tenures and maximise the proportion of affordable homes including within rural communities, to be constructed by a skilled local labour force.

Homes in Somerset are good for your Health:

A healthy living environment with secure and decent homes that fosters independent living within strong communities.

A Society that supports the vulnerable:

Coordinated support to individuals and communities to reduce the impact of Welfare Reform, to prevent homelessness, and to facilitate a balanced housing stock that meets the needs of all local people.

- 1.3. Specific health related impacts from housing include physical and mental health problems arising from poor quality or insecure housing. In addition, the type and location of the home will impact directly on the ability to live an independent life, including connections to employment, training and community life. The type and location of the home will also impact on the accessibility of support to aid independence or recovery, including step down from hospital or the prevention of admissions. Finally, the availability of suitable, affordable homes will impact directly on the supply of essential key workers including health professionals, social care, care workers and ancillary staff.

Health Impacts will accrue from priorities and action across the whole Strategic Framework, not only from the specific Health and Housing section. The Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to consider any further opportunities which could be considered, with regard to health gains and to advise how best this work can contribute to the new Health and Care Strategy – Fit for My Future and the new Health and Wellbeing Strategy – Improving Lives.

2. Options considered and reasons for rejecting them

- 2.1. n/a

3. Consultations undertaken

- 3.1. The stakeholder conference in July 2017 was well attended with over one hundred delegates attending. There were also 8 workshops to enable delegates to discuss and refine the scope of the Framework.

Consultation on the Housing Market Profiles and the Workshop Summary were held from July 12th to September 30th 2017.

The Draft Somerset Strategic Housing Framework has been published and was out for consultation until the April 30th 2018. Consultation responses are currently being considered by project team. In due course all responses will be reported to the Somerset Strategic Housing Partnership (SSHP). Going forward, we anticipate additional opportunities for further engagement as the Framework is approved.

4. Financial, Legal, HR and Risk Implications

4.1. At a strategic level, there are a number of risks for Somerset which would arise from not having a Strategic approach to Housing :

- Risk of Organisations operating in 'silos' resulting in unintended consequences and inefficiency and missing the opportunity to work together as a whole system
- Risk to wider economy arising from insufficient affordable homes for young families and key workers
- Risk of insufficient housing for key groups such as Care Leavers, Disabled people, older people resulting in people not being able to live independently.

5. Background papers

5.1. Draft Somerset Strategic Housing Framework 2018 - 2022.

<http://www.somerset.gov.uk/policies-and-plans/strategies/somerset-strategic-housing-framework/>

Current Housing Framework 2013 – 2018

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