

Housing and Infrastructure Board

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South Yorkshire Housing Framework

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Is this a Key Decision?	No
Has it been included on the Forward Plan?	Not a Key Decision

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Executive Summary

This paper provides an initial draft outline for the proposed South Yorkshire Housing Framework to address strategic housing issues in South Yorkshire for consideration.

What does this mean for businesses, people and places in South Yorkshire?

The South Yorkshire Housing Framework will set out our collective vision, priorities and actions for delivering affordable, high quality and sustainable places to live within South Yorkshire.

Recommendations

The Board is asked to:

- Note and comment on the draft outline for the South Yorkshire Housing Framework.

Consideration by any other Board, Committee, Assurance or Advisory Panel

South Yorkshire Housing Directors

26th May 2022

1. Background

- 1.1 A Housing Review was undertaken with support by the consultant ResPublica in 2020, and the draft recommendations were supported by the Housing and Infrastructure Board in Winter 2020/21. The Review identified a range of strategic housing issues in South Yorkshire which would benefit from a collaborative approach to delivery; these were captured broadly under six key headings: placemaking, densification, affordability, quality of homes, housing retrofit and innovative finance mechanisms.
- 1.2 In December 2021 the Board considered the updated positions and requested that a Housing Framework be prepared to set out the collaborative actions to address the strategic housing issues facing South Yorkshire. This was to also assist in setting out how the Strategic Economic Plan's housing ambitions would be achieved, recognising the roles of key partners including the Mayoral Combined Authority, Local Authorities, Housing Associations and Homes England.
- 1.3 The views of the Board are now invited on the scoping document set out at Appendix A which provides a draft outline of the proposed Housing Framework, which has had input and is supported by the South Yorkshire Housing Directors.

2. Key Issues

- 2.1 The draft South Yorkshire Housing Framework outline at Appendix A suggests developing a concise document with a clear structure which tells a story from vision to delivery. It is proposed that there should be a particular focus on the delivery plan element providing details of specific programmes, actions and investment/funding required and/or being committed. As well as establishing how strategic housing issues are being addressed, the Framework would also play a role in helping attract further funding and investment by identifying priorities and actions where further investment and resources are required.
- 2.2 A draft vision for housing in South Yorkshire is suggested, which will be developed further as part of the Framework's development. To deliver this vision, our priorities and actions fall broadly within three key ambitions:
 1. **Existing homes** – improving the quality and liveability of existing homes and neighbourhoods
 2. **New homes and placemaking** – delivering affordable new homes for sale and rent, and sustainable, well-connected, high-quality places
 3. **Partnership working** – ensuring a strategic approach and strengthening partnership working
- 2.3 The draft priorities reflect the strategic housing issues identified in the Housing Review plus the addition of partnership working:
 - **Place-making** – working together to create great places to live with more socially and economically integrated communities. It is considered that the Framework should have a particular focus on placemaking and how areas need to change to create great places to live. This also reflects the critical role of housing in

repurposing and regenerating town and city centres as part of wider placemaking and responding to the post Covid 19 environment.

- **Densification** – making the growth of urban centres and ‘growth nodes’ a clear strategic focus.
- **Affordability** – support building at scale and achieving affordable housing targets to address the current and future needs of South Yorkshire.
- **Quality of Homes** – addressing the issue of quality and energy efficiency in the housing stock, including enhancing urban design.
- **Housing Retrofit** – delivering housing decarbonisation to achieve net zero and address fuel poverty.
- **Innovative Finance Mechanisms** – developing new ways to fund new homes and the upgrading of homes at scale.
- **Partnership working** – developing our relationships with partners to ensure a strategic approach and strengthen partnership working.

2.4 The Framework outline identifies a range of actions which are being or could be undertaken and their alignment with the overall priorities (recognising that some actions will be cross-cutting and may contribute to multiple priorities). These actions will be developed further in the Framework, with more detail provided on timescales, resource requirements, implications, and delivery leads and partners.

2.5 The Framework outline has been informed by input from the South Yorkshire Housing Directors. This Group, along with Homes England Housing Associations and others, will provide further input as the Framework is developed to ensure that local priorities, actions and activity are appropriately captured and owned by Partners.

3. **Options Considered and Recommended Proposal**

3.1 **Option 1**

To support the continued development of a South Yorkshire Housing Framework and provide comment on the draft Framework outline.

3.2 **Option 1 Risks and Mitigations**

The key risk is securing commitment by all relevant partners to exploring collaborative options, and also identifying sufficient funding and resources to take forward new ideas and approaches to deliver on strategic housing opportunities. This can be mitigated by close working with partners in the development of the Framework.

3.3 **Option 2**

To not support the development of a South Yorkshire Housing Framework.

3.4 **Option 2 Risks and Mitigations**

The key risk of this approach is that there is no coherent strategic approach to identifying and developing collaborative opportunities for addressing strategic housing issues across South Yorkshire. This could lead to duplicated work and resources; missed opportunities for collaboration where strategic benefits could be realised; under-developed housing propositions which do not take advantage of shared knowledge,

experience and economies of scale; and less funding and investment in housing and related infrastructure in South Yorkshire which would mean the housing needed to support the economy and social requirements is not provided.

3.5 Recommended Option

Option 1 is recommended as the most effective way to address strategic housing issues and maximise collective resources to deliver greater overall benefits for South Yorkshire.

4. Consultation on Proposal

The draft Housing Framework outline has been developed in consultation with South Yorkshire Local Authority Housing Directors.

5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

The comments and views of the Board will steer the development of the draft Housing Framework with the intention, subject to agreement, of providing an initial draft Framework to the next Board meeting in August.

6. Financial and Procurement Implications and Advice

There are no financial or procurement implications directly arising from this report.

7. Legal Implications and Advice

There are no legal implications directly arising from this report.

8. Human Resources Implications and Advice

There are no human resources implications arising directly arising from this report.

9. Equality and Diversity Implications and Advice

There are no equality and diversity implications arising directly arising from this report

10. Climate Change Implications and Advice

There are no climate change implications arising directly arising from this report, however positive impacts from a number of actions in relation to strategic housing issues would be significant.

11. Information and Communication Technology Implications and Advice

None as a direct result of this report.

12. Communications and Marketing Implications and Advice

None as a direct result of this report.

List of Appendices Included

Appendix A - Scoping the South Yorkshire Housing Framework

Background Documents

None