

Housing and Infrastructure Board

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Draft South Yorkshire Housing Framework

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Has it been included on the Forward Plan?	Not a Key Decision

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Executive Summary

This paper seeks the Board's comments on the draft South Yorkshire Housing Framework which has been prepared taking account of feedback from this Board, Local Authority Housing Directors, South Yorkshire's Mayor and the South Yorkshire Housing Partnership.

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 homes to live within South Yorkshire.

Recommendations

The Board is asked to comment on the draft South Yorkshire Housing Framework attached at Appendix 1.

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

South Yorkshire Housing Directors

8 September 2022 & 13 October 2022

1. Background

- 1.1 In December 2021 this Board requested that a Housing Framework be prepared to set out the collective actions to address the strategic housing issues facing South Yorkshire.
- 1.2 This Board continues to oversee its preparation and is invited to comment on the draft Framework set out in Appendix A. Taking account of the Board's comments, the intention is to revise the Framework and undertake further consultation with Partners, with a view to presenting the final draft for consideration by this Board at your next meeting in December 2022.

2. Key Issues

- 2.1 Development of the Framework has been informed by input from the South Yorkshire Housing Directors Group, Homes England, Housing Associations and others. A particular focus has been to ensure that local priorities, collective actions and activities are appropriately captured and owned by Partners.
- 2.2 The draft Framework sets out how SYMCA will work in partnership with local authorities and partners to address key strategic housing opportunities and challenges in South Yorkshire, and contribute towards delivering a number of the commitments in the Mayor's Manifesto. It provides:
 - **A vision**, setting out what we are seeking to achieve (page 20).
 - **A set of priorities**, aligned with those of key partners, and focused on where collectively SYMCA, local authorities and other partners can make the greatest impact (page 20)
 - **Detailed actions** which will be taken forward in order to deliver our priorities and vision (page 38)
 - Clarity as to how SYMCA and its partners will **work effectively and collaboratively to deliver the actions**, and how we will **monitor delivery** of the Framework and ensure that it continues to meet its purpose (page 32)
- 2.3 The draft Housing Framework provides for a move from a housing dominated strategic housing agenda to a greater emphasis of improving the existing housing stock, including retrofitting homes with energy efficiency to help tackle the energy and cost of living crises, as well as the quality of housing overall and housing's role in regeneration and placemaking.
- 2.4 The Board's views are also therefore invited on questions so as the following:
 - *Is the balance right between housing growth and improving the existing stock?*
 - *Is the emphasis on raising the environmental standards of new and existing homes sufficient to ensure housing make a real contribution to reducing carbon emissions and achieving net zero ambitions?*

- *Is the proposed focus on housing growth being on brownfield land and in particular within urban centres the correct focus?*
- *Is the role of housing in regeneration and placemaking sufficiently embedded in the Framework?*
- *Are there any strategic housing issues that are missing or need further enhancement with the Framework?*
- *Are there any key actions that are missing from the draft delivery plan section?*

2.5 The intention following the Housing and Infrastructure Board on the 3rd November is to finalise the draft in liaison with the Mayor, local authorities and the South Yorkshire Housing Partnership with a view to reporting a final version to the Housing and Infrastructure Board in December for sign off.

2.6 As is set out in the document, SYMCA, local authorities and partners have already been delivering on some of the agendas in the Housing Framework, and following approval of the document, efforts will be focussed on building on these successes to deliver the specific collective actions in the Framework.

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 at Appendix A.

3.2 Option 1 Risks and Mitigations

The key risk is securing commitment by SYMCA, local authorities and partners to the ambitions and priorities of the Framework and delivering the collaborative actions. This would also involve identifying sufficient funding and resources to take forward the new ideas and approaches. This risk is being mitigated through close working with local authorities and partners in developing 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

Work to develop the draft Housing Framework has been informed by consultation with the South Yorkshire Mayor, Local Authority Housing Directors, Homes England, and the South Yorkshire Housing Partnership.

5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

Comments and views will steer the development of the draft Housing Framework with the intention to provide a final draft Framework to the Housing and Infrastructure Board meeting in December 2022.

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 resource 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 could 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. There will be publicity opportunities for actions and projects when delivered.

List of Appendices Included

Appendix A – Draft South Yorkshire Housing Framework

Background Documents

None