

Housing and Infrastructure Board

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Final Draft South Yorkshire Housing Framework

Is the paper exempt from the press and public?	No
Reason why exempt:	Not applicable
Purpose of this report:	Discussion
Is this a Key Decision?	No
Has it been included on the Forward Plan of Key Decisions?	Not a Key Decision

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Executive Summary

This paper seeks the Board's endorsement of the final draft South Yorkshire Housing Framework which has been prepared taking account of previous 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:

- Consider and endorse the final draft South Yorkshire Housing Framework; and

- Recommend that the MCA Board approve the final draft South Yorkshire Housing Framework.

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

N/A

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 has provided feedback as the Framework has developed. Taking account of the Board's comments on the draft Framework considered at the November Board meeting, along with comments from Local Authorities, the Mayor and other partners, a final draft Framework has been prepared. Some of the key changes made include:
 - Confirmation that the Framework will align with, and not be detrimental, to local authority strategies and Local Plans.
 - Emphasising the opportunity to deliver good quality, modern, dense urban living environments across the region.
 - The inclusion of further case studies demonstrating activity across South Yorkshire.
 - A new section considering issues relating to the local economy, skills and training.
- 1.3 The final draft Framework is presented at Appendix A for the Board's consideration and endorsement, subject to any final comments, with a view to reporting the Framework for approval to the SYMCA Board in January 2023.

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 final 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 23).
 - **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 23)
 - **Detailed actions** which will be taken forward in order to deliver our priorities and vision (page 42)

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 37)

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- 2.3 The draft Housing Framework provides for a move from a housing growth dominated strategic housing agenda to a greater emphasis on improving the existing housing stock. This includes a focus on retrofitting homes with energy efficiency improvements to help tackle the energy and cost of living crises, as well as improving the quality of housing overall and supporting housing's increasingly important role in regeneration and placemaking.
- 2.4 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 endorse the South Yorkshire Housing 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 endorse the 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**
- 4.1 Work to develop the final 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**
- 5.1 Following approval of the South Yorkshire Housing Framework by the SYMCA Board, the focus of activity will be on working with partners to implement the

identified actions. Progress updates will be brought to future Board meetings to ensure the Board's continued oversight of the Framework's implementation.

6. Financial and Procurement Implications and Advice

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

7. Legal Implications and Advice

7.1 There are no legal implications directly arising from this report.

8. Human Resources Implications and Advice

8.1 There are no human resource implications arising directly arising from this report.

9. Equality and Diversity Implications and Advice

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

10. Climate Change Implications and Advice

10.1 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

11.1 None as a direct result of this report.

12. Communications and Marketing Implications and Advice

12.1 None as a direct result of this report. There will be publicity opportunities for actions and projects when delivered.

List of Appendices Included:

A Final Draft South Yorkshire Housing Framework

Background Papers

None