

Housing Strategy Working Group – Terms of Reference

Introduction

To prepare and present to Council in January 2017 a Housing Strategy document to 2020 which includes a homelessness strategy and strategic tenancy policy.

Process

1. To consider the national strategy and policies for housing, affordable housing and development of new homes across England.
2. To consider how the Council will work at a local level to make a real difference to our communities across Tewkesbury Borough.
3. To understand the local picture for housing and determine aims and objectives that achieves Tewkesbury Borough's vision.
4. To ensure that a strategy is developed that meets the housing needs of all the Borough's communities to look at, inter alia:
 - i. the supply and delivery of new homes including affordable housing to include the policies of the Joint Core Strategy¹ and Tewkesbury Plan²
 - ii. how we will meet local housing need and the needs of specific groups
 - iii. tackling homelessness and homelessness prevention
 - iv. the quality of the housing stock, including housing standards

Who should we consult?

- Lead Member for Built Environment and Borough Councillors
- Parish Councils
- Relevant Council departments (e.g. Environmental Health, Community Development, Planning, Planning Policy, Revenues and Benefits, Policy, Finance, One Legal).
- Other agencies involved in the delivery of housing and housing related services (e.g. Occupational Therapists, Adult Social Care, Children's Services, St Mungo's)
- Housing providers (e.g. Registered Providers)
- House builders and their agents
- Neighbouring authorities/good practice authorities
- Service user representatives

Outcomes of the Strategy

- To deliver an effective housing service and have a clear strategic direction for housing in Tewkesbury Borough.
- To ensure best value for the Council.
- To ensure housing needs of the Borough's residents are met.
- To achieve the Council's Corporate Plan objectives.

¹ <http://www.gct-jcs.org/>

² <http://tewkesbury.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=2321>

Timetable

	Provisional Date	Purpose
Member Working Group 1	18 August 2016	The Housing Strategy overall; an opportunity to talk through key issues, present the National Policy context, local challenges and emerging priorities.
Member Working Group 2	w/c 19/09/2016	Consideration of strategic priorities 1 and 2.
Member Working Group 3	17, 18 or 19 October 2016	Consideration of priorities 3 and 4 and the consultation feedback.
Member Working Group 4	w/c 14 November 2016	Meeting to approve the Strategy.
Member Working Group 5	w/c 05 December 2016	Additional meeting if necessary.

Support

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