

COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS

9 MARCH 2011

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF COMMUNITIES & NEIGHBOURHOODS

HOUSING STRATEGY STATEMENT

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To seek approval from Members on the Melton Housing Strategy Statement 2011-2014.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 **Members approve the Melton Housing Strategy Statement 2011-14**

3.0 KEY ISSUES

3.1 Background

3.2 The Melton Housing Strategy provides the strategic direction for the housing related services the Council provide to the community. The Strategy has been developed within the context of the Melton Corporate Plan 2010 key areas.

3.3 The statement leads on from the previous Housing Strategy of 2005-2010. It is an interim statement until further clarity from local government is received regarding the future of local housing strategies.

3.4 The full Housing Strategy document can be found at Appendix A

3.5 The Strategy Statement will be subject to an annual review to ensure it fits in with corporate and national policy.

4.0 POLICY AND CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The housing strategy statement relates to the Melton Corporate Plan. Some of the clear priorities that relate to this strategy are:

- Help provide a stock of housing accommodation that meets the needs of the community
- Improving the well-being of vulnerable people
- Improved quality of life for people living in the most disadvantaged neighbourhoods.
- Tackling anti-social behaviour (ASB) and increase public confidence.
- Recue re-offending and the impact of offending on the community.

5.0 FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no direct financial or other resource implications as a direct result of this report

6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS/POWERS

6.1 There are no other legal implications directly arising from this report.

7.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY

7.1 There are no direct links in this report, however, links within the corporate plan and community safety have been identified in 4.1

8.0 EQUALITIES

8.1 Please see attached Equalities Impact Assessment, Appendix B.

9.0 RISKS

9.1 The risks are considered in the table below

Probability

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| Very High A | | | | |
| High B | | | | |
| Significant C | | | | |
| Low D | | | 1 | |
| Very Low E | | | | |
| Almost Impossible F | | | | |
| | IV Negligible | III Marginal | II Critical | I Catastrophic |

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Impact

| Risk No. | Description |
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| 1 | Housing strategy is not approved. Current one out of date. |
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10.0 CLIMATE CHANGE

10.1 There are no climate change issues directly arising from this report.

11.0 CONSULTATION

11.1 Consultation was held with the Strategic Management Team on 21 February 2011. The Strategy has been developed in line with current polices and priorities contained in:

- Melton Sustainable Community Strategy
- Supporting People Strategy
- Private sector Housing Strategy
- Tenant participation compact
- Melton Community Safety Strategy
- Strategic Housing Market Assessment

- Homelessness Strategy

11.2 The Strategy has also been available on the Council's Website from 23 February 2011.

12.0 **WARDS AFFECTED**

12.1 All wards affected.

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| Date: | 28/02/11 |
| Appendices: | Appendix A- Housing strategy Appendix B- Equalities impact assessment |
| Background Papers: | None |
| Reference: | X: Committees/CSA/2010-11/09-03-11/Housing Strategy Statement |