

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO HEALTH & HOUSING COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No. 8

meeting date: THURSDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER 2017
title: REVISION OF THE STRATEGIC HOUSING WORKING GROUP TERMS OF REFERENCE
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1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To update the terms of reference for the Strategic Housing Working Group.
- 1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities
 - Community Objectives – To address the identified housing needs in the borough.
 - Corporate Priorities – To be a well-managed Council.
 - Other Considerations – None.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At the last meeting of Health and Housing Committee it was agreed that the terms of reference would be revised and updated.

3 ISSUES

- 3.1 See revised terms of reference at Appendix 1.

4 RISK ASSESSMENT

- 4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications
 - Resources – The SHWG support delivery of affordable units.
 - Technical, Environmental and Legal – The SHWG offer a steer for officer considering the affordable housing offer.
 - Political – All minutes are reported to the Health and Housing Committee.
 - Reputation – The SHWG is not a decision making body but allows for a prompt feedback on proposals.
 - Equality & Diversity – None identified.

5 RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE

- 5.1 Accept the revised terms of reference for the SHWG.

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**HEALTH & HOUSING COMMITTEE
STRATEGIC HOUSING WORKING GROUP
TERMS OF REFERENCE
(Revised August 2017)**

STRUCTURE AND REPORTING

- The group will be known as the Strategic Housing Working Group of the Health and Housing Committee.
- The Chair of the Health and Housing Committee will chair the group.
- The minutes of all meetings will be reported to the Health and Housing Committee.
- The meeting dates will be reactive to enable a policy steer for affordable housing proposals, and to respond flexibly to strategic housing issues as they arise.

AIMS

- The aim of the sub-group is to aid the delivery of affordable housing in the borough.
- To match the supply of homes in our area with the identified housing needs.

OBJECTIVES

- To promote understanding of general housing needs of the local community and to advise the Health and Housing Committee as appropriate.
- To support delivery of the strategic housing objectives set out in the Housing Strategy Delivery Plan 2016-2018.
- To ensure H & H Members are aware of development proposals and to provide an opportunity for member guidance on requests for advice regarding the affordable housing offered within schemes.
- To provide an informed response to affordable housing development proposals in the borough to aid delivery.
- To work in partnership with our preferred registered providers and the Homes and Communities Agency to deliver the most needed housing in the right location.
- To ensure the specific housing needs of the vulnerable and elderly are addressed.
- To support the collection of up to date housing needs evidence across the borough.
- To promote innovation and new ways of delivering affordable housing that meets need.