

**TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**STRATEGIC HOUSING ADVISORY BOARD**

**20 July 2009**

**Joint Report of the Director of Health and Housing and Cabinet Member for  
Housing**

**Part 1- Public**

**Matters for Recommendation to Cabinet - Non-Key Decision (Decision may be taken  
by the Cabinet Member)**

**1 HOUSING STRATEGY 2009-2012:DRAFT ACTION PLAN**

**Summary**

**This report presents the draft Housing Strategy Action Plan 2009-2012. Objectives within the action plan have been developed to ensure that the Council meets the five key priorities that are identified in the draft Housing Strategy 2009-2012, which was considered by the Strategic Housing Advisory Board in May 2009:**

- **provision of affordable housing**
- **tackling homelessness**
- **private sector renewal and energy efficiency**
- **assisting vulnerable households**
- **addressing crime reduction.**

**1.2 Next Steps**

**1.2.1 In May 2009 Members approved the timetable for the review of the action plan that will deliver the 2009-2012 Housing Strategy in accordance with the following timetable:**

- **20 July 2009** – draft action plan to Strategic Housing Advisory board for endorsement for the purpose of consultation
- **21 July – 21 August 2009** – consultation with key partners and stakeholders. The action plan will also be made available on the Council's web site during this period

- **9 September 2009** – draft action plan to Cabinet for approval. (NB: the Sustainable Community Strategy, containing the Housing Strategy 2009-2012 will also be considered by Cabinet on this date)

§ **October 2009** – Implementation of action plan.

1.1.2 Accordingly, the draft Housing Strategy Action Plan 2009-2012 is attached at **[Annex 1]**.

### **1.3 Legal Implications**

1.3.1 The Housing Strategy is a statutory requirement under section 7 of the *Local Government Act 2003*.

### **1.4 Financial and Value for Money Considerations**

1.4.1 None immediate and largely within existing resources and approved budgets, although it will be noted that some objectives in the draft action plan require resource implications to be assessed once the review of activity has been concluded or are dependent upon CLG or HCA revenue or capital funding streams.

### **1.5 Risk Assessment**

1.5.1 Failure to develop an effective and forward looking housing strategy and action plan will compromise the Council's ability to meet identified housing need and to attract the necessary funding required for that purpose.

### **1.6 Recommendations**

1.6.1 **CABINET is RECOMMENDED to ENDORSE** for the purpose for consultation the draft Housing Strategy Action Plan 2009-2012.

The Director of Health and Housing confirms that the proposals contained in the recommendation(s), if approved, will fall within the Council's Budget and Policy Framework.

Background papers:

contact: Janet Walton

Housing Strategy Progress Update – May 2009

John Batty  
Director of Health and Housing

Councillor Jill Anderson  
Cabinet Member for Housing