

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

STRATEGIC HOUSING ADVISORY BOARD

9 November 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: ACTION PLAN

Summary

In July 2009 the Strategic Housing Advisory Board endorsed the draft Action Plan for the purposes of consultation. Key partners and stakeholders have now been consulted, and this report presents an updated draft for final approval and implementation.

1.1 Consultation on the draft housing strategy action plan

1.1.1 Consultation took place during August 2009 when the draft action plan was shared with key partners and stakeholders. It was also made available on the Council's web site during this period.

Responses were received from the following four partners, and some minor amendments have been made to the action plan as a result:

- Tunbridge Wells Borough Council;
- Sevenoaks District Council;
- West Kent Housing Association; and
- Kent County Council Supporting People Team.

1.1.2 A copy of the amended action plan is attached at **[Annex 1]**.

1.2 Legal implications

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

1.3 Financial and value for money considerations

1.3.1 None immediate and largely within existing resources and approved budgets. It will be noted however, that the resource requirements for some objectives in the action plan have yet to be assessed.

1.4 Risk assessment

1.4.1 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.

1.5 Recommendations

1.5.1 **CABINET** is **RECOMMENDED** to **APPROVE** the 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:

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Housing Strategy Progress Update – May 2009

Housing Strategy 2009-2012: Draft Action Plan – July 2009

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