

**TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**STRATEGIC HOUSING ADVISORY BOARD**

**20 May 2013**

**Report of the Director of Planning, Housing and Environmental Health**

**Part 1- Public**

**Matters for Information**

**1 HOUSING STRATEGY 2009-2012**

**Summary**

**This report presents a summary of progress against objectives in the final Housing Strategy Action Plan for the 2009-2012 Housing Strategy which was approved by Members in November 2011.**

**1.1 Progress Update**

1.1.1 Progress against each objective in the action plan is summarised at **[Annex 1]**.

1.1.2 The following points are of particular significance:

- 131 new affordable homes were delivered in the borough during the two years to 2013;
- the additional pitches at the Coldharbour scheme for gypsies and travellers are progressing well, with completion expected in August;
- The Allocations Scheme has been reviewed and is the subject of a separate report to this Board; and
- 21 empty homes have been brought back into use during the two years to 2013.

**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 associated with this report.

**1.4 Risk Assessment**

1.4.1 None associated with this report.

Background papers:

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Nil

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