

**SUBJECT: VISION 2020 – QUALITY HOUSING PROGRESS REPORT**

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## **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To provide Performance Scrutiny Committee with an update on progress towards the Let's Deliver Quality Housing priority contained in Vision 2020.

## **2. Executive Summary**

- 2.1 This report focuses on progress made towards delivering the quality housing priority and covers both those projects being progressed in year one, along with the 'day to day' service activities that happen across the council that are vital to the delivery of this priority.

## **3. Background**

- 3.1 Vision 2020 was published in January 2017, and contains four strategic priorities (Reduce Inequality; Economic Growth; Quality Housing; and Remarkable Place), along with an important strand of work focusing on High Performing Services.
- 3.2 As part of the arrangements for managing and monitoring progress of Vision 2020, the council established four Vision Groups along with a High Performing Services Board, each with a Corporate Management Team lead.
- 3.3 It has been agreed Performance Scrutiny Committee will receive a report each quarter from one of these Vision Groups to enable them to look in more detail at the progress of that Vision Group's work programme. This report is the third of these reports and focuses on the work of the Quality Housing Vision Group.
- 3.4 The Quality Housing Vision Group is leading on delivering the following council aspirations under this priority:
- Let's provide housing which meets the varied needs of our residents
  - Let's work together to help the homeless in Lincoln
  - Let's improve housing conditions for all
  - Let's build thriving communities
  - Let's help people have a sense of belonging
- 3.5 In addition to all the 'day to day' services the council offers which is central to the delivery of these aspirations, a programme of projects and initiatives has been developed for 2017/18 to ensure the delivery of this strategic priority.

#### **4. Position Statement (Appendix A)**

- 4.1 The Position Statement is attached to this report as Appendix A. It captures the 'day to day' work by the council that is integral to delivering this strategic priority. This was captured to ensure we understand what our current baseline is for delivering this priority, and to recognise how all staff across the authority have a role in delivering Vision 2020.

#### **5. Project Monitoring Table (Appendix B)**

- 5.1 The Project Monitoring Table provides an overview of the year one projects for this strategic priority, and is attached to this report as Appendix B.
- 5.2 There are 20 projects in the year one programme for Delivering Quality Housing.
- 5.3 Of these, 5 projects have been completed and the remaining 13 projects are on track for delivery, of which all have achieved all their milestones on time. 2 projects are delayed due to missing milestones but are still expected to meet the deadline for completion. Additionally, despite the council only being within the first year of Vision 2020, this strategic priority has seen some notable successes:
- City of Lincoln Council (COLC) has successfully applied to the Controlling Migration Fund to extend the Rogue Landlord scheme for a further 2 years.
  - A minimum standard for affordable housing has been introduced. The Lincoln standard was adopted and has been embedded into improvement works schedule.
  - Secured £0.99 million grant from Homes England for 33 shared ownership units.
  - Building has commenced for over 200 affordable units. Completions and 'handovers' commence in March 2018.
  - Secured £3.22 million grant from Homes England to build De Wint Court which will provide 70 extra care units.

#### **6. Emerging Performance Indicators (Appendix C)**

- 6.1 As part of the development of the year one work programme for this strategic priority, project briefs for each of the projects were developed. This includes development of a set of performance indicators to monitor the outcomes of these projects once they are completed.
- 6.2 Due to the fact it is still early days and many of the projects are yet to be completed, it is too early to collect many of the indicators. Therefore, performance of this strategic priority at this stage is largely monitored through the delivery of milestones.
- 6.3 Nevertheless, Appendix C does show the indicators allocated to some projects, and for those where data can start to be collected, this has been populated.
- 6.4 Over time, as more projects are completed, more performance data will be added to the table to ensure the full range of indicators can be considered by Performance Scrutiny Committee in future Quality Housing Progress Reports.

## **7. Recommendation**

7.1 Performance Scrutiny Committee to consider the progress report of the Quality Housing Vision Group.

7.2 Performance Scrutiny Committee to refer to Executive for information.

**Is this a key decision?** No

**Do the exempt information categories apply?** No

**Does Rule 15 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules (call-in and urgency) apply?** No

**How many appendices does the report contain?** Three

**List of Background Papers:** None

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