

**Nottingham City Health and Wellbeing Board
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Report Title:	Nottingham's Housing Strategy – Homes Fit for the Future
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Executive Summary:	
<p>The Housing Strategy for the City of Nottingham will be a five year document that sets out the vision for housing in the city across all tenures. The Strategy will be a partnership document involving input from a wide range of stakeholders in both the housing sector and other sectors.</p> <p>The Council's strategic vision for Nottingham is that local people will be able to live in safe, warm and affordable homes, built to a high standard, in vibrant local neighbourhoods where everyone has a chance to thrive. We believe that regardless of tenure and housing type all citizens should be able to access housing that meets their needs now and into the future.</p> <p>The Strategy will highlight Nottingham's most pressing housing issues and the interventions and actions identified that will make the biggest difference to ease the housing pressures in Nottingham and help tackle the crisis that faces many seeking housing in the city.</p> <p>Nottingham's most pressing housing issues are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of affordable housing across all tenures including social and rented homes • Homelessness and rough sleeping • Quality of rented accommodation and the service provided in all rental sectors • The impact that carbon emissions from the city's homes are having on the environment. <p>An Implementation Plan is also being developed alongside the strategy to support the delivery of the commitments. Throughout both documents we will focus on</p>	

interventions and actions that tackle these pressures and offer best value to Nottingham citizens.

Three broad themes are proposed for the strategy:

- Meeting the city's diverse housing needs and aspirations
- Enabling new-build housing growth and regeneration for a green and prosperous Nottingham
- Driving up excellence in housing standards and services in the city's existing housing stock, across all tenures.

Under each ambition there will be a number of outcomes that we will focus on to enable the city to achieve the ambitions. These are shown in appendix one which shows the proposed outline structure of the strategy document.

All of these ambitions have a link to promoting and supporting good health in the city and the accompanying presentation will highlight those aspects of the Strategy.

The delivery of the Housing Strategy's objectives needs to be in partnership with a wide range of organisations, including those where housing may not be their 'core activity'. Therefore we are inviting input from the Health and Wellbeing Board at this stage of the Strategy development due to the important insights the Board will have.

The presentation will form the basis for the discussion where Board members can comment and engage to influence this strategy.

Recommendation(s):

The Board is asked to:

- a) note this report and the presentation to be given at the Board meeting on 27 September;
- b) note the overview of the Housing Strategy that is currently being developed outlined in the presentation, and the points considered of relevance to the Board;
- c) contribute to the shaping of priorities by providing verbal comment and feedback on the report and the presentation at the Board meeting, and note that Board members are invited to make written comments after the meeting if desired, so that these can be considered in the final drafting stages of the Housing Strategy; and
- d) note that the Housing Strategy will be published in consultation draft in due course and the Board, along with partner organisations, will be notified of the consultation and able to make formal comments as part of that process if desired.

The Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy	
Aims and Priorities	How the recommendation(s) contribute to meeting the Aims and Priorities:
Aim 1: To increase healthy life expectancy in Nottingham through addressing the wider determinants of health and enabling people to make healthy decisions	<p>Views of Board members and the organisations they represent will have an important role in helping to ensure the aims of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy are given weight and consideration in decisions that relate to housing in Nottingham. It is therefore important that the Housing Strategy takes into account these views. This report provides an opportunity to ensure this happens at the drafting stage of the document.</p> <p>There has been a long-standing recognition that quality housing makes a major contribution to the healthy lives of citizens, and this means that the Aims and Priorities of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy must be considered as an important way in which the city's housing sector can help. Aim 1 and Aim 2 are clearly shared with the Housing Strategy's objectives (for example in the Housing Strategy's Ambition 1, Outcome 3 "Encouraging age friendly and health promoting homes and neighbourhoods").</p> <p>These priorities are also issues where housing can make contributions of value. For example affordable housing plays a major role in financial wellbeing for low income households, and secure, stable, decent quality housing is a vital prerequisite for helping to tackle Severe Multiple Disadvantage. Housing services carry out important work in fields such as tackling homelessness, or providing safe accommodation with support for those citizens who need it.</p>
Aim 2: To reduce health inequalities by having a proportionately greater focus where change is most needed	
Priority 1: Smoking and Tobacco Control	
Priority 2: Eating and Moving for Good Health	
Priority 3: Severe Multiple Disadvantage	
Priority 4: Financial Wellbeing	
How mental health and wellbeing is being championed in line with the Board's aspiration to give equal value to mental and physical health:	

Neither physical or mental ill health should be barriers to a good quality homes for city residents. We believe that good quality, affordable homes that people can live in for as long as they wish provide a strong foundation that contributes positively to overall wellbeing, including good mental health. By aiming to ensure the city's housing is fit for the future we aim to make an important contribution to this.

List of background papers relied upon in writing this report (not including published documents or confidential or exempt information)	Not Applicable
Published documents referred to in this report	Not Applicable