

	<p>Council 20 October 2015</p>
<p>Title</p>	<p>Referral from Housing Committee – Housing Strategy and Housing Commissioning Plan</p>
<p>Report of</p>	<p>Head of Governance</p>
<p>Wards</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>Status</p>	<p>Public</p>
<p>Enclosures</p>	<p>Annex 1 - Report to Housing Committee, 19 October Annex 2 - Appendix A- Final Draft Housing Strategy Annex 3 - Appendix B- Commissioning Plan Annex 4 - Appendix C- Commissioning Plan consultation responses Annex 5 - Appendix D- Housing Strategy Online Survey Annex 6 - Appendix E- Housing Strategy Written Responses Annex 7 - Appendix F- Equalities Impacts Assessment</p>
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<p>Summary</p>
<p>Agenda item 9 ‘Housing Strategy and Housing Commissioning Plan’ was referred up to Full Council by the requisite number of members as outlined in the Constitution. Council is therefore requested to consider the recommendations and take a decision on them.</p>
<p>Recommendations</p>

1. That Council consider and vote on the recommendations contained in agenda item 9 of the Housing Committee of 19th October 2015.

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 The Constitution allows a certain number of members to refer a matter on which a Committee has taken a decision to its parent body. At the meeting on 19th October 2015, the required number of members of the Housing Committee referred agenda item 9 up to the next meeting of Full Council.
- 1.2 The Housing Committee on 19th October 2015 considered item 9, pertaining to the Housing Strategy and Housing Commissioning Plan. Following discussion of the item, the Chairman moved to a vote.

The votes were recorded as follows:

For: 5
Against: 4
Abstain: 0

- 1.3 Immediately following the vote the required number of Members of the Committee supported a referral to Full Council. The reason given for the request to refer the item was that: 'Housing is the central issue in Barnet. It is the second highest concern in the Residents Perception Survey. The proposed Labour Group amendments would have given the Strategy far more ambition in terms of affordable housing in the borough. It is appropriate that Full Council considers the Strategy'.
- 1.4 As the Housing Committee immediately indicated after the decisions had been taken that they required the decision to be referred up, the procedures to be followed will be those set out in Paragraph 20 of Full Council Procedure Rules (Rules of Debate). For reports of Committees (including Overview and Scrutiny Committees), the Chairman of the relevant committee, or the Vice-Chairman in their absence, will move reception of the report and adoption of the recommendations. This report need not be seconded. The leader of each of the other groups, or another member of their group, will then have an opportunity to comment on the recommendation, and at the end of the time allowed the Mayor will bring this part of the debate to an end, whether or not all those entitled have spoken or completed their speeches.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 As set out in the substantive report.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 As set out in the substantive report.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

4.1 As set out in the substantive report.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

5.1.1 As set out in the substantive report.

5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

5.2.1 As set out in the substantive report.

5.3 Legal and Constitutional References

5.3.1 Constitution, Responsibility for Functions, Paragraph 6, Members Rights to Refer Matters to Parent Body – states that “A specified number of Members of a Committee or Sub-Committee may require that any decision of the Committee or Sub-Committee is referred up to the next practicable meeting of Full Council or the relevant Committee to which the Committee or Sub-Committee reports, by indicating immediately after the decision is taken that they require the decision to be referred up. The report to Full Council or the relevant Committee to which the Committee or Sub-Committee reports on the referral shall set out the reasons given for the referral.”

5.3.2 Constitution, Full Council Procedure Rules, Paragraphs 20 and 21- Rules of Debate and Time for Debate

5.4 Risk Management

5.4.1 As set out in the substantive report.

5.5 Equalities and Diversity

5.5.1 As set out in the substantive report.

5.6 Consultation and Engagement

5.6.1 None

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1 Minutes of the meeting of the Housing Committee of 19th October 2015.