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Title	Colchester's Housing Strategy 2022-27		
Wards affected	All		

1 Executive Summary

- 1.1 Scrutiny Panel is invited to consider Colchester's Housing Strategy 2022-27 and make recommendations to the 6 July Cabinet meeting.

2 Reason for Scrutiny

- 2.1 To review the Housing Strategy as requested by the Panel at their meeting on 7 June 2022.
- 2.2 To comment or make recommendations.

3 Reason for Cabinet Report

- 3.1 To adopt the new Housing Strategy 2022-27 for Colchester.
- 3.2 To recommend to full Council that the Housing Strategy be adopted as part of the Council's Policy Framework.

4 Alternative Options

- 4.1 The Council has a statutory responsibility to produce and publish a Housing Strategy based on a review of housing in the borough. There are clear risks to not having a robust evidence based strategy in place such as not achieving local priorities, not being able to evidence and articulate Colchester Borough Council's wider vision for housing and not providing a strong focus to our partners about their contribution to meeting our priorities.

5 Overview

- 5.1 See Cabinet Report attached.

6 Consultation

- 6.1 A Consultation workshop was held with representatives from local housing organisations as well as housing teams from CBC and CBH to help shape the new Housing Strategy.
- 6.2 The Draft Housing Strategy has been circulated to Officers and Partners for their comments.
- 6.3 The Portfolio Holder for Housing, CBC Senior Management Team and Colchester Borough Homes Board have been given the opportunity to review the documents.
- 6.4 The responses to consultations have been positive. Where comments, amendments and suggestions have been made these have been incorporated where appropriate.

7 Financial implications

- 7.1 These implications are covered in the standard paragraphs in the cabinet report appended to the covering report.

8 Environmental and Climate Change Implications

- 8.1 These implications are covered in the standard paragraphs in the cabinet report appended to the covering report.

9 Equality and Diversity Implications

- 9.1 These implications are covered in the standard paragraphs in the cabinet report appended to the covering report.

10 Other Standard References

- 10.1 References to Publicity, Human Rights, Community Safety and Health and Safety implications are covered in the standard paragraphs in the cabinet report appended to the covering report.