

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 1

20 APRIL 2021

Present:

Councillors H Cox (Chair), Foden, Gribble, Hocking, Mullone, Nutley, Patch, Rollason and Thorne

Apologies:

Councillors Jenks, Clarence, D Cox and Parker

Officers in Attendance:

Head of Community Services and Improvement
Housing Enabling and Development Manager
Environmental Protection Manager
Housing Strategy Officer
Trainee Democratic Services Officer
Democratic Services Officer

23. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 February 2021 were approved as a correct record and authorised to be signed at the earliest convenience.

24. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None.

25. PUBLIC QUESTIONS (IF ANY)

None

26. COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS (IF ANY)

None.

27. EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN

The Executive Forward Plan listing items to be considered by the Executive over the next few months was noted.

28. WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee's work programme as circulated with the agenda was noted.

29. EXECUTIVE MEMBER BIENNIAL UPDATE - HOMES AND COMMUNITY

The Executive Member for Homes and Community, Councillor Wrigley paid tribute to the Head of Community Services and Improvement and staff for the delivery of the services, particularly in the last six months which had been above expectation. He presented his biannual service update to the Committee which included:

- **Teignbridge Housing Strategy** – this was recently subject to public consultation and is the subject of minute 30 below.
- **Devon Home Choice Review** – a common set of policies recently approved by the Executive to use for ranking and allocating those in need to homes.
- **Homelessness Prevention and Rough Sleeper Initiatives** – progressing well and beyond the target with 276 successful homelessness prevention cases, and 309 successful cases of alternative accommodation, thus preventing homelessness. Rough sleepers were being housed where possible. A partnership grant bid with South Hams and West Devon District Councils of £231,000 had been successful to assist housing rough sleepers.
- **Heating Grants** – Successful bidding, reducing carbon and increasing efficiency, and housing adaptations in relation to Council buildings, development of the Teignbridge 100 homes, and assisting the vulnerable and those on low income.
- **Community Safety** – an Anti Social Behaviour Officer recently appointed to progress work including the community Safety Partnership, youth intervention schemes, and the recently approved Public Safety Protection Order to tackle issues in relation to outdoor drinking in Teignmouth.
- **Section 106 Affordable Housing Delivery** – 121 new homes delivered across the district despite Covid19. Two of the Teignbridge 100 homes were currently being constructed in the Buckland, Newton Abbot area for affordable rent. An additional five flats off east Street Newton Abbot was also progressing. The current number on the Council's housing waiting list was approximately 1000.
- **Customer Services** – led “the face” of Teignbridge during Covid19. Councillor Wrigley commended the team for the efficient way the service had and was being run particularly in processing the covid grants.

In regards to IT for Councillors, the Executive Member asked Members to contact him who were interested in being part of a Councillors IT user group to discuss IT needs with Strata.

In response to questions the Executive Member advised that: yearly comparison figures on homelessness and rough sleepers would be advised; and in relation to homelessness it was difficult to measure people sleeping on a friend or family's sofa, or the number of adolescents and adults living with parents.

The full presentation can be found [here](#).

30. HOUSING STRATEGY 2021-2026

Consideration was given to the agenda report and appended Teignbridge Housing Strategy 2021-2026. The Strategy was fit for purpose to direct the Council to deliver its housing objectives to respond to the communities housing

needs. Housing is a Council priority and the Strategy would work alongside the Council Strategy and other council policies such as the Local Plan, for the provision of affordable housing, improving existing homes, preventing homelessness and rough sleeping, ensuring the housing needs of individuals are put first, and tackling climate change. It would provide an annual delivery plan which could be monitored on a quarterly basis.

In response to questions the Executive Member for Communities advised that the Local Plan enables as many affordable housing units per development that can be requested in accordance with national planning legislation

It was recommended by a majority vote,

RECOMMENDED

The Committee recommends to the Executive that the Teignbridge Housing Strategy 2021-2026 as set out in Appendix A to the agenda report be adopted

31. PSPO (CONTROL OF DOGS) TASK AND FINISH GROUP - REVIEW OF THE CURRENT ORDER

Consideration was given to the agenda report to agree the terms of reference for the task and finish group. The group was tasked by the committee on 22 December 2020 to review the current Order so that any changes could be considered by the committee, approved by the Executive and implemented before the expiry of the existing PSPO in March 2022 to ensure continuity.

It was unanimously

RESOLVED

The report be approved.

32. STRATA JOINT EXECUTIVE - MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25 JANUARY 2021

The Minutes of the meeting held on 25 January 2021 were received and noted.

CLLR H COX
Chair

The meeting started at 10am and finished at 11.30am