

HEALTH and HOUSING COMMITTEE STRATEGIC HOUSING WORKING GROUP DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE

General:

1. The Working Group has been constituted by the Health and Housing Committee.
2. Nominated members of the group:
Councillors: D Peat, A Brown, R Sherras, M Hindle, and M Robinson.
3. Three nominated Councillors of the group are required to be present to be quorate.
4. The Group does not have any delegated decision-making powers.
5. The Group will consult with the relevant Chairs of other service committees as appropriate.
6. Meetings will be arranged as necessary to provide a policy steer to affordable housing proposals, and to respond flexibly to strategic housing issues as they arise.
7. The minutes of any meetings will be reported to the Health and Housing Committee.
8. These terms of reference are to be reviewed annually.

Aims and objectives of the Group:

1. To aid the delivery of affordable and specialist housing in the borough.
2. To match the supply of homes in the borough with identified housing needs.
3. To promote understanding of the general housing needs of the local community, to advise the Health and Housing Committee as appropriate, and provide input into the Local Plan.
4. To support the delivery of the strategic housing objectives as agreed at the Housing Forum.
5. To ensure group members are aware of proposals for affordable housing developments in the borough
6. To provide guidance to members, on requests for advice regarding affordable housing schemes.
7. To provide an informed response to affordable housing development proposals in the borough.
8. To work in partnership with the Council's preferred registered providers and Homes England, to deliver the most needed housing in the right location.

In addition to the above, the Group will monitor the delivery of affordable and specialist housing in the borough.