

#### **APPENDIX B**

# Housing

### **Service Plan**

| Period of the Plan | 2018/19   |
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| Services: Housing  | <ul> <li>Group 1 Strategic Housing</li> <li>Group 2 Property &amp; Place</li> <li>Group 3 Tenants &amp; Leasehold</li> <li>Group 4 Housing Development</li> </ul> |

# **Delivery**

## **Council Priorities & Service Objectives**

| Priorities                              | Service objectives (outcome focused)   | Barriers to overcome  |
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| Ensuring economic growth and prosperity |  |   |
| Affordable Housing                      | Strategic Tenancy Policy   | Engagement from Registered Providers within the Borough to consult upon the draft amendments to the Strategic Tenancy Policy.   |
|   | Full Implementation of Homelessness<br>Reduction Act and report impact to CMT,<br>Scrutiny & Cabinet   |   |
|   | Undertake the review of the Total Asset<br>Management Contract to ensure the contract<br>remains fit for purpose and is delivering the<br>strategic and operational objectives | Need to engage with the appropriate members of the Osborne management team to agree scope and targets for the deliverables and to consider the remainder of the contract term and how performance can be maintained and improved. |
|   | Establish and procure a supply chain framework to provide resilience in the event of contractor collapse and to enable market testing of various works elements                | Capacity issues in the specialist Fire Safety market due to increased demand.   |

|  | Review Need & Demand of Supported Housing across the borough  |   |
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|  | Embed new housing service standards with a year-long campaign to assist implementation                          |   |
|  | Develop and Implement the Housing<br>Development Project Management Handbook                                    |   |
| A clean, safe & enjoyable environment      | Embed the new Compliance & Health & Safety Strategies & Management Plans within the service                     |   |
|  | Review the structure of the Cleaning Service to improve the delivery model and provide additional resilience    | High levels of sickness in the service is making it difficult to establish the optimum number of staff to cover this area of the service. |
|  | Complete a full Review of ASB case management identifying best practice and updating our approach and processes |   |
|  | Analysis of early stages of tenancy and review approach to sustainment  |   |
|  | Mobilise new programme following formal approval  |   |
| Delivering an efficient and modern council | Options Appraisal of the Elms management arrangements   |   |

Increase the use of evidence led decision Need to identify alternative system to replace Genesis and ensure all data is making and support the service to embed improvement recommendations migrated to be able to analyse the evidence upon which to make decisions. Explore Opportunities to generate income through charging leaseholders and tenants for alterations and surveys Review Schedule of Services for Consultants Complete an Orchard Health Check to determine best use of the system to be integrate across all variety of teams Review approach to service charges, implement arrangements for 19/20 and produce a policy to clarify approach Investigate Off Site & Modern Methods of Construction

| Building strong and vibrant communities | Full Review of PRS Service, Implementation of new regulations & development of a Private Rented Housing Strategy |  |
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## **Service Objectives into Action (GM Level)**

#### **Group 1 – Strategic Housing**

**Group Manager: Natasha Beresford** 

| Service Objectives:  • Full Review of PRS Service, Implementation of new regulations & development of a Private Rented Housing Strategy |               |  |   |   |   |  |  |  |
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| Key Actions   | By When       | Who is Responsible for Delivery  | Impact on MTFS  | What will be different once this is done?   | Update  |  |  |  |
| Phase out current 'help to rent' offer and work with partners to establish an appropriate support network for tenants and landlords     | • July 2018   | Strategy,     Improvement and     Engagement Team     Leader and Private     Sector Housing     Lead Officer | Growth bid has been approved to support the delivery of the restructured team | The resource of officers within the team will be redirected to undertaking the statutory duties to regulate and improve standards for PRS Housing in the borough  The resource of officers within the status of the | The service has been completely wound down in advance of the deadline in July 2018. We are actively working with landlords and the NLA to provide ongoing support to landlords. The budget for claims via the historic guarantee scheme remains in situ until all historic tenancies have come to an end. |  |  |  |
| Develop a<br>strategy that<br>outlines the<br>strategic direction<br>of the council for   | November 2018 | Strategic Housing     Group Manager and     Strategy     Improvement and     Engagement Team     Leader      | This will be dependent on future legislative changes and any further          | The council will have a clear approach to improving the standards and accessibility within the PRS. Landlords   | Work has not commenced in this area and will need to be held over until new financial year and will be informed   |  |  |  |

| Private Sector<br>Housing   |                |  | resource<br>required   | and Tenants will have an increased awareness of their rights and responsibilities.  | by the PRS stock condition survey that we are required to undertake.   |
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| Undertake a full<br>work stream<br>review of HMO's  | • October 2018 | Strategy,     Improvement and     Engagement Team     Leader and Private     Sector Housing     Lead Officer | Income will be generated for the increase in HMO's requiring a license from October, there is an anticipated increase from 40 to 400 | The council will be responsible for licensing over 400 potential HMO's and identifying any further properties. This will need to be undertaken over a short period of time. Additionally, there is likely to be an increase in enforcement action required. | A full review of the procedure and policy has been completed. This includes a full review of the licence fee charging structure, which was approved at Cabinet in January 2019, the new fee will be implemented from March 2019 following Full Council call in period. |
| Explore the councils approach to improving the conditions of properties in the PRS e.g. HHSRS, enforcement / prevention | • March 2019   | Strategy,     Improvement and     Engagement Team     Leader and Private     Sector Housing     Lead Officer | Where properties are under a management order it is possible for the council to recoup losses and charge for time / works undertaken | At present 14% of all PRS properties in the borough have a Cat 1 hazard it is anticipated this would reduce as a result of enforcement action undertaken by the team. The council will also have a better understanding of any rogue                        | The council now has a robust approach in place in relation to assessment of HMO's and are in continued engagement with local landlords and property owners in relation to identifying rogue landlords/properties requiring   |

|  |  | landlords operating in the borough. | enforcement. This is an area that will require further develop in relation to an approach to bring Empty Homes back into use, further work will be undertaken on this once a dedicated Team Leader has |
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|  |  |                                     | been recruited from<br>March 2019.   |

# Service Objectives: • Strategic Tenancy Policy (ii)

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| Key Actions   | By When                         | Who is Responsible for Delivery | Impact on MTFS   | What will be different once this is done?   | Update   |  |  |  |  |
| Develop part 2 of<br>the Strategic<br>Tenancy Policy in<br>consultation with<br>registered<br>providers | August 2018                     | Pre Tenancy Team     Leader     | The purpose of this policy is to stream line services for all residents of the Borough | A consistent     approach across all     housing providers     in the area will be     encouraged | Work in this area is outside of target due to several factors, primarily long-term sickness absence and recruitment.     Completion of this activity has been reassigned and is scheduled for review at HSMT on 11 March, subsequently H&OSC in June 2019. |  |  |  |  |

#### **Service Objectives:**

| Options Appraisal of the Elms management arrangements  |                  |   |   |  |   |  |
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| Key Actions  | By When          | Who is<br>Responsible for<br>Delivery   | Impact on MTFS  | What will be different once this is done?  | Update  |  |
| Audit of asset to<br>determine annual<br>repair and<br>maintenance<br>liability, plus<br>scoping of<br>planned works<br>schedule | • June 2018      | Strategic Housing<br>Group Manager &<br>Asset & Business<br>Improvement<br>Team Leader  | Greater understanding of costs to maintain asset, will enable more robust contract management development | More effective management of budgets across Property & Place & Strategic Housing. Development of a comprehensive management plan for the Elms after expiry of the existing contract. | Annual repair costs obtained. Audit completed in Summer 2018.     Discussions to with P&P GM in relation to ongoing planned maintenance schedule for life of contract ongoing, this is to ensure effective management.            |  |
| Audit of current<br>Elms contract  | • March 2018     | Strategic Housing<br>Group Manager  | Determination of effective contract performance and VFM   | Full review of<br>existing contract<br>performance and<br>accurate reporting.  | <ul> <li>Audit of contract and<br/>requirements<br/>completed, contract<br/>compliant in line with<br/>current<br/>arrangements.</li> </ul>   |  |
| Commence options appraisal on existing contract  | • September 2018 | Strategic Housing<br>Group Manager &<br>Commissioning &<br>Procurement<br>Group Manager | Full appraisal and development of new contract offering VFM   | Development of a<br>high performance<br>contract to support<br>the council's<br>response to<br>managing<br>homelessness in<br>Dacorum  | Commencement of full review started in August 2018 with full service audit.     Recommendations following outcome of audit are due for completion end of February 2019. All key services have been notified regarding the options |  |

|  | appraisal process and asked to consider the approach in relation to new contract offer.  GM Strategic Housing meeting with Procurement in February 2019 to |
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|  | February 2019 to consider timeline and key events.   |

#### **Service Objectives:** • Increase the use of evidence led decision making and support the service to embed improvement recommendations **Key Actions** By When Who is Responsible What will be **Update** Impact on for Delivery MTFS different once this is done? • This will offer a Undertake work Work stream reviews March Strategy The purpose stream reviews in 2019 Improvement and of these structured for all key areas key areas of the **Engagement Team** approach to completed, with reviews is to Leader, Policy, reviewing areas of exception of preservice stream line Projects and tenancy, which has services and the housing look at areas service. been rescheduled to **Improvement** Summer 2019 to Lead Officer ٥f Approximately two areas of the service improvement. coincide with key This includes will be reviewed per project work related quarter. The review to allocations, supporting will include audits, strategic tenancy channel shift best practice policy. There has and reducing the cost of been delay in relation research, procedure providing reviews, policy to the finalising of 2 updates and work stream reports, services satisfaction. due to staffing pressures in Strategy

| • | Increase the amount of correct information held by the service on tenants and leaseholders | • | March<br>2019 | • | Strategy Improvement and Engagement Team Leader, Policy, Projects and Improvement Lead Officer | • | • | The purpose of this exercise is to improve the housing services ability to profile how tenants use the service. Additionally, improved ways of maintaining contact information will support the service to communicate with tenants. | • | Improvement & Engagement Team, with 3 key vacancies including Team Leader/Lead Officer.  Data gradually updated on systems as part of survey work. HSMT to consider further approach in relation to tenant profiling data to provide greater focus on collection of data. |
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| • | Utilise the audit<br>programme to<br>highlight<br>recommendations                          | • | March<br>2019 | • | Strategy Improvement and Engagement Team Leader, Policy, Projects and Improvement Lead Officer | • | • | Using the internal audit programme, we can effectively identify where the teams resource needs to be targeted and inform the work stream reviews. This also allows us to monitor arears of high risk.                                | • | New Team Leader commences in post March 2019, it is proposed that a report will be presented to HSMT outlining key recommendations from all reviews and survey's to take forward as overarching project for 2019/20.  |

| Support the service to embed STAR Survey findings | • March 2019 | Strategy     Improvement and     Engagement Team     Leader, Policy,     Projects and | • | This will be used to<br>form the basis of<br>satisfaction | As above point. |
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|   |              | Improvement<br>Lead Officer   |   |   |                 |

| Service Objectives:  • Full Implementation of Homelessness Reduction Act and report impact to CMT, Scrutiny & Cabinet |                  |  |   |  |   |  |
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| Key Actions   | By When          | Who is<br>Responsible for<br>Delivery                    | Impact on MTFS  | What will be different once this is done?                      | Update  |  |
| Review of the     Homelessness     Strategy     commitments in     line with the     Homelessness     Reduction Act   | • September 2018 | Homeless     Prevention &     Assessment     Team Leader | Ensure     effective     management of     existing     resources and     grant funding | the basis of the   | Review of the Homelessness strategy completed to ensure compliance with the HRA.     Further full review to be undertake whilst the strategy is in its final year, to consider learning and approach for new strategy approach, this will include government steer to focus on Housing, Homeless & Rough Sleeping Strategy. |  |
| <ul> <li>Analyse the<br/>impact of the<br/>Homeless<br/>reduction Act on</li> </ul>                                   | • December 2018  | Homeless     Prevention &     Assessment     Team Leader | Ensure     effective     management of     existing and                                 | Will help determine<br>future<br>accommodation<br>requirements | Service has continued to ensure that B&B is not used within the service.  |  |

| temporary<br>accommodation  |            |  | future resources. Prevent expenditure on nightly paid accommodation (B&B) |  | Report in relation to HRA & Temporary accommodation, to be presented to HSMT 25/2/2019   |
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| <ul> <li>Carry out a financial assessment to determine the impact of the Homeless Reduction Act on the service</li> </ul> | April 2019 | Strategic     Housing Group     Manager &     Homeless     Prevention &     Assessment     Team Leader | Effective management of resources and grant funding                       | Appropriate planning for service and ensuring service demands are met. | Ongoing as part of HRA impact, New Burdens funding for the service was less than £40k and the Council has implemented additional resource measures to address the new requirements from alternative funding streams (Temporary Accommodation Subsidy). |

# **Group 2 – Property & Place Group Manager: Alan Mortimer**

|   | <ul> <li>Service Objectives:</li> <li>Explore Opportunities to generate income through charging leaseholders and tenants for alterations and surveys</li> </ul>           |              |                                 |                |  |  |  |  |
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|   | Explore what charging structures other stock retained authorities have in place, in order to provide benchmarked examples for consultation with members and leaseholders. | • Decem 2018 | • Asset Team Leader             | • Minimal      | Leaseholders     would be charged     for non-     management     activities, such as     inspections and     processing of     requests for     alterations | Leaseholder Work stream review has been scoped out with the involved leaseholders from the tenant and leaseholder committee and some benchmarking has been completed.  Currently ongoing       |  |  |
|   | <ul> <li>Develop a<br/>business case to<br/>determine the<br/>viability and<br/>resourcing<br/>required to deliver<br/>a chargeable<br/>service.</li> </ul>               | • Decem 2018 | • Asset Team<br>Leader          | • Minimal      | Service charges<br>team may be<br>increased to<br>manage the<br>additional<br>workload   | The Leaseholder work stream review commenced in Q3 and engagement with Leaseholders through a snap survey undertaken. The review is currently ongoing. Results required to determine viability |  |  |

| Explore how other stock retained authorities manage the collection of service charges for non-resident leaseholders and whether the Council should withdraw the interest free loan | • December 2018 | Asset Team     Leader | Minimal | Non-resident leaseholders would be required to pay interest upon any outstanding service charges, or the term reduced so that the income can be recovered in a shorter | Benchmarking information obtained. The details will be consulted upon with the involved leaseholders and colleagues in finance. |
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| option.  |                 |                       |         | timeframe.   |   |

#### **Service Objectives:**

• Undertake the review of the Total Asset Management Contract to ensure the contract remains fit for purpose and is delivering the strategic and operational objectives

| Key Actions   | By When   | Who is<br>Responsible for<br>Delivery    | Impact on MTFS | What will be different once this is done?   | Update   |
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| Review of the contract PI's to ensure all areas of service delivery are captured and appropriate weightings applied that are commensurate with the risks profile of each type of work | • Ongoing | Group Manager     Property and     Place | • Minimal      | Additional controls will be established to manage and monitor the raft of contract PI's | The KPI suite were revised at the Strategic Core Group and additional indicators for Aids and Adaptations and planned works have been introduced. Decision taken to defer award of Yr 9 Works and years 9&10 dependant on outcome of performance against |

| Undertake the five year review of the financial model to assess if the rates are viable and if there is sufficient data to consider a price per property model for day to day repairs. | • March 2019 | Group Manager<br>Property and<br>Place | Minimal as the improvement programmes would be tailored to match the available budget. | Agreement on the base costs for the remainder of the contract and the option of implementing a simplified cost mechanism | agreed improvement targets by end of Yr 5  The price framework has been assessed to establish a baseline position for a benchmark review of the rates. An in depth review of valuation 4 was undertaken to further inform the pricing model. Ongoing, utilising current market conditions, to be refined and concluded by target date march 2019 |
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| Service Objectives:  • Embed the new Compliance & Health & Safety Strategies & Management Plans within the service   |             |  |                |   |   |  |  |
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| Key Actions  | By When     | Who is<br>Responsible for<br>Delivery            | Impact on MTFS | What will be different once this is done?   | Update  |  |  |
| <ul> <li>Completion of the<br/>Fire Strategy,<br/>Legionella<br/>strategy and<br/>Asbestos<br/>Management Plan<br/>including the<br/>relevant<br/>databases, to<br/>provide</li> </ul> | • June 2018 | Team Leader     Compliance and     M&E contracts | • Minimal      | Improved     management of     the Health and     Safety risks and     better use of     software to     monitor     compliance | All compliance policies and plans have been drafted and the processes embedded in the compliance team. Further policies and support documents being reviewed to support implementation, |  |  |

| management information on the status of testing and management regimes.   |                  |  |           |   | including "clear<br>landings" policy now<br>drafted and in<br>approval process.  |
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| Ensure all Health and Safety and Compliance requirements set out in supporting documentation are embedding within the housing service and contractors | • September 2018 | Team Leader<br>Compliance and<br>M&E contracts | • Minimal | Increased awareness of individual and corporate responsibilities in relation to the management of H&S in our tenants homes. | <ul> <li>Additional training has been provided for all staff that are involved in the management of legionella at site level.</li> <li>Additional targeted specialist knowledge training being arranged and implemented including Formal Asbestos qualifications for key team members in March 2019</li> <li>Realignment of P&amp;P Structure to improve service delivery and provide greater compliance focus including</li> <li>Training matrix to develop and imbed greater specialist team skills and knowledge and into 2019/20.</li> </ul> |

#### **Service Objectives:**

• Establish and procure a supply chain framework to provide resilience in the event of contractor collapse and to enable market testing of various works elements

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| Key Actions  | By When     | Who is<br>Responsible for<br>Delivery | Impact on MTFS | What will be different once this is done?   | Update   |
| Identify suitable contractors that are able to satisfy the prequalification criteria for DBC and establish an approved list so that procurement can be undertaken in a timely manner.    | • June 2018 | Team Leader<br>Contracts              | • Minimal      | It will provide the opportunity for alternative contractors to be used in the event of contractor failure or collapse.                          | <ul> <li>Framework         agreements have         been set up with a         range of providers to         enable resilience in         the event of         contractor collapse.</li> <li>Contractor         relationships and         support capacity's         soft market tested         and maintained to         provide reassurance         required</li> </ul> |
| Obtain Portfolio     Holder approval     for direct awards     through     established     frameworks so     that there is     additional     resilience in the     event of the failure | • July 2018 | Team Leader<br>Contracts              | Minimal        | Additional resilience will be established and it will enable work to be market tested periodically to ensure value for money is being achieved. | Portfolio Holder approval has been obtained for the award of a fire safety contract through a framework and an officer decision for the award of an asbestos contract.   |

| any of the main |  |  |  |
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| contractors.    |  |  |  |

#### **Service Objectives:** Review the structure of the Cleaning Service to improve the delivery model and provide additional resilience What will be **Key Actions By When** Who is **Impact on MTFS** Update **Responsible for** different once **Delivery** this is done? • The window cleaning Conclude the December Team Leader None Change to the 2018 delivery model so restructure and Assets service business case determine if the that cleaners has been developed window cleaning work within and the existing contract completed in service is brought designated November. The service in-house to ensure properties, to will be delivered inthe service is engender more delivered. responsibility and house for a year whilst ownership of the service is subject to individual blocks a market test. Specialist equipment and schemes procured and Pilot cleaning projects currently in operation to determine capacity and works extent achievable and to provide end of year service to support charges recovered Model the impact March • Team Leader None More accurate A review of the service identification of on service charges 2019 Assets charges to the tenants and implementation for costs associated with delivering tenants has been leaseholders.

undertaken and the

the service so

|   |              |                        |           | that the service<br>charges can<br>reflect the actual<br>costs   | recommendations will<br>be implemented in Q3<br>and Q4. Ongoing  |
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| Ensure there are adequate resource levels to manage the additional units created through the development programme. | • March 2019 | Team Leader     Assets | • Minimal | New blocks     would be     identified earlier     in the     development     cycle so that     necessary     provision for     cleaning can be     addressed. | The timeline for the delivery of the new build units has been factored into the current years service provision and is being assessed to establish the level of future growth required. This work will be concluded in Q3 and Q4. Kylna Court handover accepted and factored in, remainder ongoing |

### **Group 3 – Tenants & Leaseholders**

Group Manager: Layna Warden

| S | Service Objectives:  • Complete a full Review of ASB case management identifying best practice and updating our approach and processes |                  |  |                |  |  |  |  |
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| K | ey Actions   | By When          | Who is Responsible for Delivery            | Impact on MTFS | What will be different once this is done?  | Update   |  |  |
| • | Review a number of ASB cases to identify if there are any areas for improvement  | • September 2018 | Tenants and<br>Leaseholders<br>Team Leader |                | <ul> <li>Tenants will have contributed to our understanding of the effectiveness of case management.</li> <li>We know which areas to focus on to improve our approach</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Review of existing process and cases is completed.</li> <li>Satisfaction data is being used to identify any areas of dissatisfaction and work ongoing with the ASB team to agree a new policy and procedure.</li> </ul> |  |  |
| • | Visit similar LA housing services to understand their processes and research best practice in ASB case management                      | • October 2018   | Tenants and<br>Leaseholders<br>Team Leader |                | Better     understanding of how to promote a victim led approach while managing expectations of low level neighbour disputes   | inform the revised policy.   |  |  |
| • | Review SLA between<br>Housing and ASB<br>Team  | • October 2018   | GM Tenancy<br>and Leasehold                |                | Clear     understanding     from both  | <ul> <li>Recommendations<br/>and action plan have<br/>been taken to the</li> </ul>   |  |  |

|   |                |  | services about<br>each others roles<br>and expectations   | Corporate Management Team and approval provided to progress with a single corporate approach, supported by appropriate procedures. |
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| All procedures,<br>templates and<br>guidance will be<br>reviewed and<br>updated | • January 2019 | Tenants and<br>Leaseholders<br>Team Leader | Documents will support our approach and give detailed guidance for Officers and tenants   | To be completed post review  |
| Organise training for officers on new process                                   | • January 2019 | Tenants and<br>Leaseholders<br>Team Leader | <ul> <li>Officers will be confident on how to address ASB and able to support victims.</li> <li>Overall a more victim led approach will be embedded across the service. A reduction in complaints about ASB and higher satisfaction in how we deal</li> </ul> | To be completed post review  |

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| Key Actions  | By When     | Who is<br>Responsible for<br>Delivery | Impact on MTFS  | What will be different once this is done?  | Update   |
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| <ul> <li>Identify a project<br/>group and set aims<br/>and targets for the<br/>review</li> </ul> | • May 2018  | GM Tenancy<br>and Leasehold           |   | All relevant officers will understand the purpose for the review to ensure we get the outcomes needed                          | Project group identified areas for development and a meeting was held wit Orchard and member of senior managementeam to discuss system development and moving to Orchard pro   |
| <ul> <li>Request Orchard to<br/>carry out health check</li> </ul>                                | • June 2018 | Income Team     Leader                | Identifying a structured plan in relation to upgrades and use of the system will lead to savings which will mitigate the cost of the review | We will receive recommendations to ensure the IT system we are using can effectively deliver our future plans for the service. | <ul> <li>Orchard Pro is the cloud based solution which Orchard are investing their development resource in and will provide mobile options and self-serve.</li> <li>The other versions GUI Orchard, and Orchard Classic are</li> </ul> |

|  |  |   | being phased out. Service areas are on differing versions so will need to be addressed.  |
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| Implement<br>recommendations<br>following discussion<br>with project group<br>and HSMT | February 2019     GM Tenancy and Leasehold | <ul> <li>There will be better integration across teams using Orchard.</li> <li>We will identify which aspects of the system need to be upgraded and what training officers need to fully utilise relevant functions.</li> </ul> | Recommendations will require a phased migration, because the functionality currently available in Orchard Pro does not support all of the service areas. |

#### **Service Objectives:** • Review Need & Demand of Supported Housing across the borough **Key Actions** By When Who is **Impact on MTFS** What will be **Update** Responsible different once this is done? for Delivery • The review of dispersed Review dispersed October Supported • There will be a sheltered properties to 2018 Housing planned approach properties has now identify which ones Team Leader been completed and we to moving any sheltered could be general are in the process of needs. properties back analysing the results. As expected there are a to general needs at the point they number of properties become empty. that have been identified as not being

|   |              |   | <ul> <li>Reduction in the number of dispersed properties not appropriate for sheltered tenants.</li> <li>Reduction in delay in empty homes process due to lack of demand or decision about placing back to general needs</li> </ul> | suitable for supported housing. Results of the exercise will be taken to HSMT once analysed.  |
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| Identify target groups<br>and explore methods<br>for promoting the<br>benefits of the Lifeline<br>service offered by<br>Housing           | • March 2019 | <ul> <li>Supported<br/>Housing<br/>Team Leader</li> </ul>       | There will be an increased uptake of private life line customers. This will help to protect adults at risk and generate income for the HRA  There will be an increased uptake line income for the HRA.                              | Relaunch of lifeline and introduction of telecare service has now been agreed. We have experienced a slow increase in referrals and are working with partners to continue to promote service in the community. Have worked with housing comm's to advertise in News and Views and housing social media. |
| <ul> <li>Identify opportunities<br/>for new supported<br/>housing developments<br/>including demand for<br/>flexi-care schemes</li> </ul> | • March 2019 | <ul><li>Supported<br/>Housing<br/>Team Leader<br/>and</li></ul> | <ul> <li>Needs of<br/>residents in<br/>Dacorum can be<br/>met through a<br/>wider supply of</li> </ul>  | Dacorum supported     housing board     continues to meet.     Newly appointed     project managers from  |

| Development<br>Team Leader | housing and scheme better current  • Workin consult long te stock t |  |
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#### **Service Objectives:**

Review approach to service charges, implement arrangements for 19/20 and produce a policy to clarify approach **Key Actions** By When Who is **Impact on MTFS** What will be **Update** Responsible different once this for Delivery is done? Completed review of Use best practice from March • Income Team Tenants and guidance and other 2019 Leader Officers will service charges for organisations to understand the 2019/20. identify appropriate method for New template method for calculating developed with finance, calculating service charges across service charges shows rationale and leasehold and leading to fewer iustification for service charge levels, which tenanted properties complaints, more will be beneficial for consistency in charges and future years.

> quicker ability to set charges in future years

| Service Objectives:  |              |                                       |                |   |   |  |  |
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| Embed new housing service standards with a year long campaign to assist implementation   |              |                                       |                |   |   |  |  |
| Key Actions  | By When      | Who is<br>Responsible<br>for Delivery | Impact on MTFS | What will be different once this is done?   | Update  |  |  |
| Publish and launch the<br>new service standards  | • May 2018   | GM Tenants<br>and<br>Leaseholders     |                | Officers and tenants will have clear expectations of the service they will receive but also what to expect in return from tenants             | Completed. New document rolled out with every sign-up and sessions provided for all housing staff   |  |  |
| Each month identify<br>and promote a key<br>aspect of the service<br>standards across all<br>teams in Housing and<br>through a number of<br>platforms to tenants | • April 2019 | GM Tenants<br>and<br>Leaseholders     |                | Officers will be involved in a number of activities relating to the service standards improving their confidence in dealing with expectations | Ongoing delivery of the Our House Your Home campaign which focuses on various service areas and officers responsible for each campaign feedback the results and to ensure the communications strategy is effective. |  |  |

| Service Objectives:  • Analysis of early stages of tenancy and review approach to sustainment |                |   |                |   |  |  |
|---|----------------|---|----------------|---|--|--|
| Key Actions   | By When        | Who is<br>Responsible<br>for Delivery   | Impact on MTFS | What will be different once this is done? | Update   |  |
| Complete review of<br>reasons for tenancy<br>failure  | • October 2018 | Tenancy     Sustainment     Team Leader |                | Better understanding of                   | From Oct 17 to Oct 18<br>there were 15 evictions<br>undertaken due to non- |  |

|  |       |   | reasons for tenancy failures                     | payment of rent and 17 cases where ASB took action due to Drug related issues, I am investigating the reasons behind both the evictions and actions taken including any closure orders. There is a theme running through most accounts regarding Mental Health and this needs looking at further. Also things to consider are points of intervention and possible opportunities missed and |
|--|-------|---|--|--|
| Identify and complete  | March | Tenancy   | A greater success                                | <ul><li>the reasons behind that</li><li>Fortnightly meetings</li></ul>   |
| an action plan to focus on pre-tenancy activities to improve sustainment of Introductory tenants | 2019  | Sustainment Team Leader and Pre Tenancy Team Leader | in sustainment of introductory tenancies through | <ul> <li>contingitity meetings continuing with representatives from relevant departments.</li> <li>Action plan will be agreed and progressed once target interventions have been established.</li> </ul>   |

# **Group 4 – Housing Development Group Manager: David Barrett**

| Service Objectives:  • Develop and Implement the Housing Development Project Management Handbook        |            |                                 |                |                                  |  |  |
|---|------------|---------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|--|--|
| Key Actions   | By When    | Who is Responsible for Delivery | Impact on MTFS |                                  | Update   |  |
| <ul> <li>Confirm content</li> <li>Develop process and procedure</li> <li>Train and implement</li> </ul> | • Jan 2019 | D Barrett                       | •              | Improved delivery and continuity | This is now 90% completed and will be finalised before year end. |  |

| Service Objectives:  • Investigate Off Site & Modern Methods of Construction  |            |                                       |                |   |  |  |
|---|------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|---|--|--|
| Key Actions   | By When    | Who is<br>Responsible<br>for Delivery | Impact on MTFS | What will be different once this is done? | Update   |  |
| <ul> <li>Track trade press and understand market</li> <li>Visit suppliers</li> <li>Consider some level of adoption</li> </ul> | • Jan 2019 | • J Deacon                            |                | Potential to<br>enhance delivery          | The introduction of entering a partnership with Watford Housing Community Trust who are leading on a project to bring Off Site to Hertfordshire has delayed a final report but we are on track to complete by year end and agree next steps all with view to trial off site on one of our schemes. |  |

| Service Objectives:  Review Schedule of Services for Consultants  |             |                                       |                |   |           |  |
|---|-------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|---|-----------|--|
| Key Actions   | By When     | Who is<br>Responsible<br>for Delivery | Impact on MTFS | What will be different once this is done? | Update    |  |
| <ul> <li>Review existing</li> <li>Develop new schedule of services</li> <li>Consult team and implement</li> </ul> | • Sept 2018 | D Barrett &     Jo Deacon             | •              | Improved services from suppliers          | Completed |  |

| Service Objectives:   |            |              |                |                              |  |  |  |  |
|---|------------|--------------|----------------|------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Review and rewrite current Housing Development Strategy                               |            |              |                |                              |  |  |  |  |
| Key Actions   | By When    | Who is       | Impact on MTFS | What will be                 | Update   |  |  |  |
|   |            | Responsible  |                | different once this          |  |  |  |  |
|   |            | for Delivery |                | is done?                     |  |  |  |  |
| <ul><li>Obtain approval for<br/>new programme</li><li>Re write new strategy</li></ul> | • Oct 2018 | D Barrett    | •              | A refresh of our<br>Strategy | Completed with the exception of writing the Strategy. This completed |  |  |  |
| <ul> <li>Consult and agree with<br/>AD and PH</li> </ul>                              |            |              |                |                              | prior to year-end.   |  |  |  |

| Service Objectives:  Mobilise new programme following formal approval                    |            |                       |                       |   |   |  |  |  |
|--|------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---|---|--|--|--|
| Key Actions  | By When    | Who is<br>Responsible | Impact on MTFS        | What will be different once this                              | Update  |  |  |  |
| <ul> <li>Obtain formal approval<br/>for new programme</li> <li>Prepare Briefs</li> </ul> | • Oct 2018 | • D Barrett           | Rental income and HRA | • Clear direction for team regarding the next wave of schemes | Completed with the exception of Garage programme and Randalls Ride as await appointment |  |  |  |

| Implement delivery |  | of new resource to support |
|--------------------|--|----------------------------|
| within team        |  | team                       |

# **Service Improvement Plan**

| Action   | Expected Improvement(s)   | Planned Start<br>Date | Lead   |  |  |  |
|--|---|-----------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Improving Communications & Reducing Contact  |   |                       |  |  |  |  |
| Develop individual communications plans for teams across the service with a key focus on handling crisis communications            | Improved approach to managing communications with an aim to streamline involvement and ensure it is focused on key individuals  | August 2018           | Strategy,<br>Improvement<br>and Engagement<br>Team Leader                                      |  |  |  |
| Undertake a full review of the sign up process   | A full review of essential content at the initial sign up process and link to new corporate system replacing My Housing Account | April 2018            | Strategy,<br>Improvement<br>and Engagement<br>Team Leader                                      |  |  |  |
| Continue to grow digital and online presence, developing a focused social media plan to support and launch 'Our House – Your Home' |   | July 2018             | Policy, Projects<br>and Engagement<br>Lead Officer   |  |  |  |
| Undertake a full review of website content so more tenants can self-serve  | Increased number of tenants in sheltered housing able to access the website and report repairs                                  | April 2018            | Strategy, Improvement and Engagement Team Leader/ Policy, Projects and Engagement Lead Officer |  |  |  |

| Reducing Demand  |   |                       |  |
|--|---|-----------------------|--|
| Analysis patches vs workload across different teams to understand where there are high levels of demand and the reasoning e.g. type of property Launch 'Our House – Your Home' and deliver a year of focused themes, each theme seeking to address a different pressure on the service   | A better understanding of the types of behaviours, factors that increase demand on the service and where these pressures impact the service  Tenants and Staff have clear expectations of what the service can / should deliver   | April 2018  July 2018 | Policy, Projects and Improvement Lead Officer Tenants and Leaseholder Group Manager/ Policy, Projects and Improvement Lead Officer |
| Streamlining Key Processes   |   |                       |  |
| <ul> <li>Deliver 8 full work stream reviews:</li> <li>Areas of low satisfaction – STAR and other surveys</li> <li>Service Plan / team plans</li> <li>Customer complaints</li> <li>Involvement groups</li> <li>Areas where technology could be used more efectively</li> <li>(Not tackling things, we know we can't change)</li> <li>*Areas to be identified by HSMT and HOM</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Each workstream review will consist of the following:</li> <li>Audits</li> <li>Tenant Inspections</li> <li>Satisfaction surveys</li> <li>Complaints analysis</li> <li>Consultation with staff and tenant's / service users (as applicable)</li> <li>Analysis of spend</li> <li>Shadowing</li> <li>KPI analysis and evaluation (including suggestions of alternatives)</li> <li>Best practice research – what are other organisations doing?</li> <li>Horizon scanning – any new or upcoming legislation / guidance</li> <li>Piloting / testing new approaches</li> <li>Procedure and policy reviews</li> </ul> | May 2018              | Strategy, Improvement and Engagement Team Leader/ Policy, Projects and Improvement Lead Officer                                    |

|  | Letter reviews / key document<br>reviews  So streamlining is based on a holistic<br>understanding of the service and the<br>impact of any changes. These will then<br>be monitored to see if the changes have<br>achieved the desired effect. |            |   |
|--|---|------------|---|
| <ul> <li>Data &amp; Evidence</li> <li>Ensure the service is maximising data held:</li> <li>Building up profiling information on both stock and tenants</li> <li>It is compliant with new GDPR regulations</li> </ul> | Ability to identify trends amongst people living in DBC homes   | April 2018 | Strategy, Improvement and Engagement Team Leader/ Policy, Projects and Improvement Lead Officer |
| Profiling of those wards within the borough containing housing stock, to include wider socio-economic impact and demand on service e.g. repairs, arrears   | Officers across the service will have an awareness of issues within their patches rather than individual homes so the service can target interventions to reduce demand   | April 2018 | Policy, Projects<br>and<br>Improvement<br>Lead Officer  |
| Benchmarking and information returns e.g. LAHS, P1E  | Compare our performance against peers and identify opportunities for service improvement  | April 2018 | Quality, Insight and Improvement Officer  |

| Systems and Assets  |   |                          |  |
|---|---|--------------------------|--|
| De-commissioning of Genesis   | Identification of an alternative software system or potential for using a new Orchard module to improve the functionality and efficiency through a more intuitive use of software packages.                                     | March 2018               | Supported<br>Housing Team<br>Leader                  |
| Pro-master has replaced Pimms to<br>hold asset management data –<br>continued roll out to use system to<br>its full potential | Orchard-hosted system will allow the wider service and third parties as well as tenants to access information on assets  Officers across the service will have accurate asset information available through the Orchard System. | March 2018               | Assets and<br>Business<br>Improvement<br>Team Leader |
| Consultation on and continued rollout of New Orchard  This needs to be treated as a project within all teams using Orchard -  | Utilising functions such as text messaging, the customer portal and improved functionality  | April 2017<br>March 2019 | Assets and<br>Business<br>Improvement<br>Team Leader |
| Staff   |   |                          |  |
| Maintain internal communications e.g. team site, horizon scanning and webinars  | All officers can maintain their understanding of the wider housing service both locally and nationally  |                          | Policy, Projects<br>and Engagement<br>Lead Officer   |
| Provide feedback on the outputs from the Housing Update event in follow up sessions   | Enable staff to understand the work that has been undertaken by the management team and Embed relevant proposals from Housing Service Update  |                          | Assistant<br>Director                                |

## **KPIs**

The following section outlines the Key Performance Indicators (KPI) and Risks that the service will use to manage the service.

#### **Group 1 – Strategic Housing**

| <b>Service Objective</b>   | Corporate   | Measure Name   | Targets |         |      | Associated   |
|--|---|--|---------|---------|------|--|
|  | Priority  |  | Month   | Quarter | Year | Operational<br>Risk  |
| Full Review of PRS Service, Implementation of New Regulations & development of a Private Rented Housing Strategy                             | A clean safe and<br>enjoyable<br>environment  | SH 34 Total Number of HMO's with a licence  Number only – no target  | N/A     | N/A     | N/A  | Operation of rogue landlords within the Borough. Reputational and operational risks associated with lack of monitoring and enforcement action. |
| Homelessness Reduction Act 2017 – implementation of the new procedure to manage and monitor the number of applications through to conclusion | Providing food<br>quality affordable<br>homes, in<br>particular for those<br>most in need | SH 38 Number of main duty applications SH 39 Number of cases where prevention has been successful  Number only - no target | N/A     | N/A     |      | Increase in the number of homeless applications and associated reputational risk   |

### **Group 2 Property and Place**

| <b>Service Objective</b>   | Corporate Me<br>Priority                | Measure Name   | Targets |         |      | Associated   |
|--|---|--|---------|---------|------|--|
|  |   |  | Month   | Quarter | Year | Operational<br>Risk  |
| Implement and embed<br>the new Health and<br>Safety Plans and Fire<br>Strategy to ensure the<br>safety of residents in<br>Council owned<br>properties. | A clean, safe and enjoyable environment | PP01 Percentage of dwellings<br>with a valid Gas safety<br>certificate<br>Legionella Risk compliance PI<br>to be established on Rocket | 100%    | 100%    | 100% | Potential health and safety Risk to the occupiers of the properties and those in surrounding locations |

### **Group 3 Tenants and Leaseholders**

| <b>Service Objective</b>   | Corporate<br>Priority  | Measure Name  | Targets |         |      | Associated   |
|--|--|---|---------|---------|------|--|
|  |  |   | Month   | Quarter | Year | Operational<br>Risk  |
| Implementation of measures to reduce the impact of Universal Credit upon the rental income to the HRA. | Ensuring economic growth and prosperity (in the form of a viable HRA business plan and inward investment in new and existing homes | TL 02 Rent collected as a percentage of rent owed (excluding arrears brought forward) | 99%     | 99%     | 99%  | Increase in the rental arrears level and need to revise the bad debt provision in the Business Plan. Reduction in the revenue to invest in existing and new homes. |

# **Group 4 Housing Development**

| <b>Service Objective</b>  | Corporate  | Measure Name   | Targets |         |      | Associated   |
|---|--|--|---------|---------|------|--|
|   | Priority   |  | Month   | Quarter | Year | Operational<br>Risk  |
| Mobilise new programme of development of social housing sites following formal approval from Cabinet on | Providing good<br>quality Affordable<br>Homes, in<br>particular for those<br>most in need. | Ongoing delivery of the pipeline of New Build developments in-line with the prescribed programme PI to be set up on Rocket | 100%    | 100%    | 100% | Impact on the Business Plan, 1-4-1 receipts and the future provision of Affordable Housing in the Borough. Associated pressures on existing stock and reputational risk of failure to deliver. |

### **Risk Register 2018 - 2019**

#### Housing Landlord - Fiona Williamson HL F01 Failure to closely monitor operational and financial factors affecting the delivery of the HRA Business Plan **Corporate Priority: Risk Owner:** Portfolio Holder: Category: Tolerance: **Financial** Fiona Williamson Margaret Patricia Griffiths Treating **Inherent Impact Inherent Risk Score Residual Probability Residual Impact Residual Risk Score Inherent Probability** 8 2 4 1 2 2 Unlikely Amber Very Unlikely Medium Severe Green **Current Controls** Consequences Assurance Delivery of the Business Plan would not be achieved if Regular and then formal end of year review of **HRA Business Plan** income and financial control is not closely managed Business Plan in partnership with Finance. Any policy changes or government announcements that may Signed off by Cabinet impact the plan or its assumptions are quickly analysed and reflected into the Business Plan This enables for long term financial viability to always be visible and if there are foreseen issues in certain years programmes can be altered as needed or issues taken to mitigate **Sign Off and Comments**

#### Sign Off Complete

On-going management of risks that could impact the Business Plan will continue to be reviewed, and with the support of Horizon scanning activities, any new risks identified will have appropriate interventions put in place to mitigate.

Review of the Business Plan undertaken to assess the borrowing headroom

| HL_F02 Failure to closely monitor operational and financial factors relating to the delivery of the Council's Homelessness Service                                       |  |   |  |  |                            |
|--|--|---|--|--|----------------------------|
| Category:<br>Financial   | Corporate Priority: Affordable Housing |   | Risk Owner:<br>Fiona Williamson  | Portfolio Holder:<br>Margaret Patricia Griffiths | <b>Tolerance:</b> Treating |
| Inherent Probability   | Inherent Impact                        | Inherent Risk Score   | Residual Probability   | Residual Impact                                  | Residual Risk Score        |
| 3<br>Likely  | 4<br>Severe                            | 12<br>Red   | 2<br>Unlikely  | 4<br>Severe                                      | 8<br>Amber                 |
| Consequences   |  | Current Controls  |  | Assurance  |                            |
| not fit for purpose due to lack of resources for this statutory service. Health & Safety risks for clients if not provided with TA and left to sleep rough. Increase num |  | Monthly financial monitori<br>and accountant, team lead<br>spend, and monthly report<br>numbers of cases seeking I<br>presentations as homeless | er monitors weekly B & B<br>ing of stats including<br>Housing Advice and |  |                            |
| Sign Off and Comments  |  |   |  |  |                            |

### Sign Off Complete

The transition to the provisions of the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017, have been successfully commenced.

There is ongoing monitoring of the impact in the changes in respect of the additional administration required for each case to develop a personal Housing plan and the extended duration for engagement.

The potential for appeal action and "recycling" of applicants is being closely monitored.

| Failure of the Total Asset Management Contractor to deliver the five strategic objectives  |                     |                             |   |  |                     |
|--|---------------------|-----------------------------|---|--|---------------------|
| Category:  | Corporate Priority: |                             | Risk Owner:   | Portfolio Holder:  | Tolerance:          |
| Financial  | Affordable Housing  |                             | Fiona Williamson  | Margaret Patricia Griffiths  | Treating            |
| Inherent Probability   | Inherent Impact     | Inherent Risk Score         | Residual Probability  | Residual Impact  | Residual Risk Score |
| 3<br>Likely  | 4<br>Severe         | 12<br>Red                   | 2<br>Unlikely   | 4<br>Severe  | 8<br>Amber          |
| Consec   | Consequences Cui    |                             | Controls  | Assu   | rance               |
| extensions and associated costs of managing the collation and interrogation of repairs data and stock condition information. Reputational issues in respect of the anticipated benefits to stakeholders not being realised. Operational consequences if the gas operational, meetings, with actions to add the monthly |                     | actions to address any area | strategic core group<br>ng mechanisms and agreed<br>as of poor performance.<br>performance indicators to<br>could impact upon the | Strategic Core Group Minu<br>Key Performance Indicator<br>On-going scrutiny by the Pr<br>surveyors | S                   |
|  |                     | Sign Off and                | d Comments  |  |                     |

### Sign Off Complete

Agreement of new PI's have been signed off at Strategic Core Group and performance will continue to be monitored on a monthly basis.

The Cost model and external audits enable ongoing scrutiny of these aspects of the contract and the contractor's ability to perform in line with the KPI's and five Strategic Indicators.

A review of the cost base is underway to provide the baseline for the benchmarking review that will take part towards the end of the 5<sup>th</sup> year of service delivery.

| HL_I03 Failure to adopt a service specific best practice approach to Health and Safety (Housing Landlord  |                           |  |                      |                             |                     |
|---|---------------------------|--|----------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Category:   | Corporate Priority:       |  | Risk Owner:          | Portfolio Holder:           | Tolerance:          |
| Infrastructure  | Safe and Clean Environmen | t  | Fiona Williamson     | Margaret Patricia Griffiths | Treating            |
| Inherent Probability  | Inherent Impact           | Inherent Risk Score  | Residual Probability | Residual Impact             | Residual Risk Score |
| 3<br>Likely   | 4<br>Severe               | 12<br>Red  | 2<br>Unlikely        | 4<br>Severe                 | 8<br>Amber          |
| Conseq  | uences                    | Current  | Controls             | Assu                        | rance               |
| procedures; estate inspect H&S policy under review. 0 key areas. Increased resourcing to pr enhanced monitoring and and safety information. Directorate Health & Safet DMT Standing Items on Team M |                           | ervice users and staff eg. g; clear landings policy and ions schedule. Corporate Ongoing training for staff in ovide support and administration of health y Committee Quarterly at | review               | S of meetings available for |                     |

The Fire Safety Strategy has been developed and is going through the approvals process prior to being adopted.

Embedding of the new Asbestos and Legionella management plans has been ongoing and training provided to new members of staff.

# HL\_R01 Failure to identify the needs and risks of residents living in sheltered housing and ensure that they have access to support appropriate to their needs

| Category:<br>Reputational   | Corporate Priority: Affordable Housing |   | Risk Owner:<br>Fiona Williamson   | <b>Portfolio Holder:</b><br>Margaret Patricia Griffiths | Tolerance: Treating |
|---|--|---|---|---|---------------------|
| Inherent Probability  | Inherent Impact                        | Inherent Risk Score   | Residual Probability  | Residual Impact   | Residual Risk Score |
| 3<br>Likely   | 4<br>Severe                            | 12<br>Red   | 1<br>Very Unlikely  | 4<br>Severe   | 4<br>Green          |
| Conseq  | luences                                | Current Controls  |   | Assurance   |                     |
| accommodation and if not given there is risk to health and wellbeing of some of our most vulnerable residents |  | Partnership working with of Effect use of Genesis – she This allows for more robus management of visits and structure including performance management appraisals). | other agencies.  Itered housing IT system.  It record keeping and support plans  e within supported housing | Supported Housing Officer Procedures                    |                     |

#### **Sign Off and Comments**

The system for recording contact with residents in sheltered schemes Genesis, has enabled better record keeping but this system is going to be replaced as there are more effective solutions available on the market that will interface into the Housing Management System, Orchard. Options for a replacement system are being investigated to provide an enhanced recording tool for the supported Housing Officers.

Ongoing engagement with residents in the supported housing schemes is pro-active in the management of vulnerable cases.

Safeguarding lead is now employed by the Council who is working closely with the Group Manager and Supported Housing Team Leader.

| HL_R03 Failure to Deliver the Council's New Build Programme   |  |  |   |  |                               |
|---|--|--|---|--|-------------------------------|
| Category:<br>Reputational   | Corporate Priority: Affordable Housing |  | Risk Owner:<br>Fiona Williamson   | Portfolio Holder:<br>Margaret Patricia Griffiths | <b>Tolerance:</b><br>Treating |
| Inherent Probability  | Inherent Impact                        | Inherent Risk Score  | Residual Probability  | Residual Impact                                  | Residual Risk Score           |
| 2<br>Unlikely   | 4<br>Severe                            | 8<br>Amber   | 1<br>Very Unlikely  | 4<br>Severe                                      | 4<br>Green                    |
| Consequences  |  | Current  | Controls  | Assu   | rance                         |
| Reputational and financial impact with public and HCA regarding grant allocations and due to the high profile of the project  1 a |  | Fortnightly AD update, mo seconded team concentrated 1-4-1 meetings to assess the against grant commitment. This allows full debate on keepings to a second the second team of the secon | nthly project group,<br>ing solely on development.<br>ne progress of expenditure<br>s | All Schemes have project w<br>fortnightly        | orksheets updated             |
|   |  | Sign Off and   | d Comments  |  |                               |

The current schemes are being closely managed and monitored, with external support being provided by external consultants who are undertaking the design and overseeing the construction.

Any delays are being captured in the project plans so that these can be reported and the business plan can be adjusted.

### Housing – Fiona Williamson

Risk name: Failure to identify and manage Private sector Landlords and Houses in Multiple Occupation

| Category:<br>Reputational   | Corporate Priority: Safe and Clean Environment |   |   | Portfolio Holder:<br>Margaret Patricia Griffiths | Tolerance:<br>Treating |
|---|--|---|---|--|------------------------|
| Inherent Probability  | Inherent Impact                                | Inherent Risk Score   | Residual Probability                                    | Residual Impact                                  | Residual Risk<br>Score |
| 3<br>Likely   | 4<br>Severe                                    | 12<br>Red   | 2<br>Unlikely   | 4<br>Severe                                      | 8<br>Amber             |
| Private sector tenants living in poor conditions that could be prejudicial to their health. Statutory function so reputational and financial risks for the Council. |  | Additional resources have be the anticipated increase in to the legislation. Training for all staff in HHSR undertaken. | RS and fire safety has been developed to align with the | - Assurance                                      |                        |

#### **Sign Off and Comments**

Ongoing review of the demand for licensing and options to identify unlicensed HMO's

The team are undergoing further training to enable them to provide the appropriate advice and enforcement activities to ensure the Borough has a supply of good quality private rented accommodation to provide a mixed tenure offering to the residents.

Preparatory work and communications to private sector landlords has been delivered, in preparation for the change in legislation on the 1st October 2018

# **Funding**

# **Current Budgets - Gen Fund & HRA**

## **Gen Fund Housing**

|   | Original 2017/2018 £ | Budget<br>2018/2019<br>£ | Variance<br>2017/18 - 2018/19<br>£ % |            |
|---|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------|
| Housing Landlord                                    |                      |                          |                                      |            |
| Housing Standards/DFG's                             | (20,290)             | 23,781                   | 44,071                               | 217%       |
| Garages   | (1,661,069)          | (1,983,507)              | (322,438)                            | (19%)      |
| Supporting People                                   | 7,500                | 7,500                    | 0                                    | 0%         |
| Homelessness  | 287,620              | 353,052                  | 65,432                               | 23%        |
| Housing Advice                                      | 283,500              | 316,433                  | 32,933                               | 12%        |
| Housing Strategy                                    | 326,750              | 497,081                  | 170,331                              | 33%        |
| Housing Strategy  Net Expenditure: Housing Landlord | 326,750<br>(775,989) | 497,081<br>(785,660)     | 170,331<br>(9,671)                   | 33%<br>(9% |

### **HRA Summary**

|                                     | 2017/18  | 2018/19  |
|-------------------------------------|----------|----------|
|                                     | 17/18 LA | 2018/19  |
|                                     | Budget   | Budget   |
|                                     | £000     | £000     |
| Income                              |          |          |
| Dwelling Rents                      | (53,299) | (53,044) |
| Non-Dwelling Rents                  | (82)     | (102)    |
| Tenant Service Charges              | (1,628)  | (1,512)  |
| Leaseholder Charges                 | (487)    | (487)    |
| Interest and Investment Income      | (206)    | (390)    |
| Contributions to Expenditure        | (655)    | (535)    |
| Total Income                        | (56,357) | (56,070) |
| Expenditure                         |          |          |
| Repairs and Maintenance             | 11,771   | 12,113   |
| Revenue Contribution to Capital     | 8,993    | 7,285    |
| Supervision & Management            | 11,756   | 12,043   |
| Corporate and Democratic Core       | 240      | 301      |
| Rent, Rates, Taxes & Other Charges  | 14       | 34       |
| Provision for Bad Debts             | 300      | 700      |
| Interest Payable                    | 11,643   | 11,594   |
| Depreciation                        | 11,640   | 12,000   |
| Total Expenditure                   | 56,357   | 56,070   |
| HRA Deficit / (Surplus)             | 0        | 0        |
| Housing Revenue Account Balance:    |          |          |
| Opening Balance at 1 April          | (2,893)  | (2,893)  |
| Deficit / (Surplus) for the year    | 0        | 0        |
| Closing Balance at 31 March         | (2,893)  | (2,893)  |
|                                     |          |          |
| Earmarked Reserves:                 |          |          |
| Opening Balance at 1 April          | (18,100) | (18,100) |
| Contributions to Earmarked Reserves | 3,998    | 3,998    |

### Medium Term Financial Planning & Savings Targets

Housing has budget areas within both the General Fund (GF) and the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) which is a ring fenced account relating to Income and Expenditure on the Housing Stock and tenants and Leaseholders.

When setting budgets and savings targets medium term considerations are made, specifically in terms of income assumptions from the garage stock. 2017/18 saw significant increases in the charges as part of a two-year strategy to bring in line with similar storage options. This year there is another significant increase and consideration must be made regarding year 19/20 for a suitable strategy.

In the Homelessness area of the service, new additional funding of approximately £400k per year has been allocated to implement and adhere to new regulations within the Homeless Reduction Act. This funding is not confirmed post 2019/20.

The HRA Business Plan covers a 30 year period so the impact of decisions and assumptions made now are clearly visible for the purposes of strategic planning of investment.

#### **Savings Target and Scope**

#### **General Fund**

Garage income – increase £350k +£70k inflation Garage Investment – Increase £50k Garage Officer (Growth Bid) - £40k

Net increase in revenue target - £330k

#### **Housing Revenue Account Business Plan – Significant Changes**

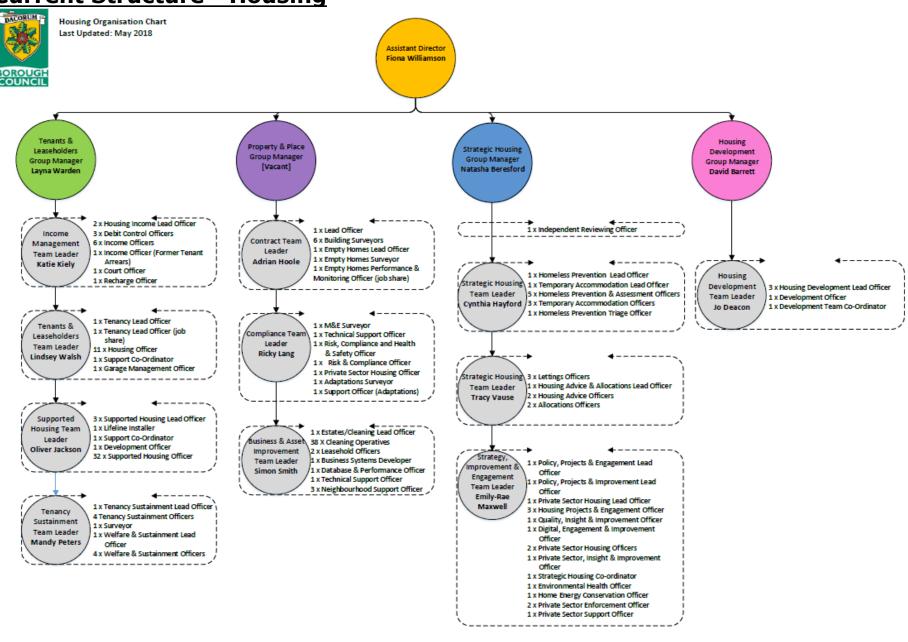
1% Rent Reduction approx. (£500k)

Bad Debt Provision Increase – Universal Credit - (£300k)

Disposal of Non Traditional Housing Stock - £750k

Termination of arrangement to collect water charges (£200k)

### **Current Structure - Housing**



# **Workforce Planning Report**

# Group 1 – Strategic Housing

| Staff turnover and risk   |   |
|---|---|
| <ul> <li>Recruitment</li> <li>Are there any skills that may prove difficult to recruit?</li> <li>How are you making these roles more attractive?</li> </ul>   | Recruitment to technical roles across the council such as Surveyors and Environmental Health Officers is challenging, often leading to recruitment via temporary agencies, which is costly. SH have had regard to this in relation to the introduction of new Private Sector Enforcement roles and have sought to develop a job role that is effective to meet statutory requirements and support the single point of failure in 1 FTE EHO, the introduction of this role will enable the service to develop staff further within this area and upskill to the level of existing EHO. |
| <ul> <li>Skills development</li> <li>What new skills do you need to deliver service objectives?</li> <li>Could we develop these in-house?</li> <li>How are you transferring or developing specialist skills?</li> </ul> | Pre Tenancy Team will be undertaking cross training of staff within the team, as this has been identified as an area of risk with the high turnover of staff within the team.  Additional skills and knowledge requirement to meet statutory demands of Private Sector management have been identified and a training plan has been put in place.   |
| <ul> <li>Single Points of Failure</li> <li>Are there any single points of failure?</li> <li>How are you dealing with them?</li> </ul>   | As mentioned in point 1, EHO is single point of failure and development of the new PRS Enforcement Officer posts and upskilling will mitigate against risk.  Strategic Housing Co-ordinator post, vital role within the service gaps in this post can have a significant service impact. Working with other GM's to ensure consistency in management of these co-ordinators across to include cross training and awareness of different work areas.   |
| <ul> <li>Leadership</li> <li>How are you developing leadership in the team?</li> </ul>  | A number of new Lead Officer posts have been introduced within Strategic Housing. Key team and service plan objectives create the opportunity for Officers and Lead Officers to become involved in leading projects. Additionally new managers across housing have been supported to access ILM training.   |

# **Group 2 – Property & Place**

| Staff turnover and risk   |  |
|---|--|
| <ul> <li>Recruitment</li> <li>Are there any skills that may prove difficult to recruit?</li> <li>How are you making these roles more attractive?</li> </ul>   | All technical roles continue to be difficult to recruit. Health and Safety qualifications are commanding a premium in the marketplace.  Consideration is being given to what options are available to make the roles more attractive.  |
| <ul> <li>Skills development</li> <li>What new skills do you need to deliver service objectives?</li> <li>Could we develop these in-house?</li> <li>How are you transferring or developing specialist skills?</li> </ul> | Quantity Surveying, Risk management, Fire Risk assessments, Legionella management.  Yes with additional training or qualifications  Mentoring of staff and a number are undertaking degrees in Construction.  Also have established a trainee empty homes surveyor role which will be covered by apprenticeship training levy. |
| <ul> <li>Single Points of Failure</li> <li>Are there any single points of failure?</li> <li>How are you dealing with them?</li> </ul>   | Database officer, Fire Risk Assessor, legionella surveyor.  Additional staff are working with the Promaster software and further training will be undertaken to establish some super users of the system.  External consultancy support is being used to increase capacity with Fire Risk assessments                          |
| <ul> <li>Leadership</li> <li>How are you developing leadership in the team?</li> </ul>  | Invited participation at Team Leaders meetings, mentoring and coaching techniques used to assist Team Leaders to develop.  External and internal management training and qualifications.   |

# **Group 3 – Tenants & Leaseholders**

| Staff turnover and risk   |  |
|---|--|
| Recruitment   |  |
| <ul> <li>Are there any skills<br/>that may prove<br/>difficult to recruit?</li> <li>How are you making<br/>these roles more<br/>attractive?</li> </ul>                                      | There is a good level of demand in most roles within the Tenants and Leaseholder service. The supported Housing Officers have the highest turnover however salary and roles are currently being reviewed which should make these posts more attractive to maintain existing staff levels and recruitment   |
| Skills development  |  |
| <ul> <li>What new skills do you need to deliver service objectives?</li> <li>Could we develop these in-house?</li> <li>How are you transferring or developing specialist skills?</li> </ul> | A good knowledge of service charges is needed to be able to deliver a review and implementation of this service objective. This can be gathered from other organisations who have already de-pooled charges along with the leaseholder officers and officers in finance.  We will develop these skills and knowledge within the Income team to deliver this objective. |
| Single Points of Failure  |  |
| <ul> <li>Are there any single points of failure?</li> <li>How are you dealing with them?</li> </ul>   | The recharges officer was a single point of failure. We will be amending the job title for all Band 9 Officers in the Income team to be consistent. This will allow us to be more flexible with the needs of the service but also ensure that 2 other officers are able to undertake this function if require.   |
|   | We have also reviewed the JD and PS of the Tenants and Leaseholders Coordinator to remove responsibility for mutual exchanges and moving to a smaller home. We have also aligned this role with other co-ordinators in development and Strategic housing.  |
| Leadership  |  |
| <ul> <li>How are you<br/>developing leadership<br/>in the team?</li> </ul>  | All Team Leaders are responsible for creating their team plan and ensuring that they are focusing on the strategic direction of their teams rather than the day to day operations of the service.  |
|   | 4 Lead Officers from Tenants and Leaseholders team have recently completed an in-house Introduction to Management Course. This has improved their confident and knowledge around managing and leading their team.  |

# **Group 4 – Housing Development**

| Staff turnover and risk  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| Recruitment  | Vos there is a skills shortage of good quality project  |  |
| <ul> <li>Are there any skills<br/>that may prove<br/>difficult to recruit?</li> </ul>  | Yes, there is a skills shortage of good quality project managers in housing development.  |  |
| <ul> <li>How are you making<br/>these roles more<br/>attractive?</li> </ul>            | Limited due to salary levels.   |  |
| Skills development   |   |  |
| <ul> <li>What new skills do you<br/>need to deliver service<br/>objectives?</li> </ul> | Improved project management skills.   |  |
| <ul><li>Could we develop<br/>these in-house?</li><li>How are you</li></ul>             | Yes, this is our approach   |  |
| transferring or developing specialist skills?  | Learning and support from our consultant team along with now having a team leader in post   |  |
| <b>Single Points of Failure</b>  |   |  |
| Are there any single points of failure?  How are you dealing.                          | No  |  |
| <ul> <li>How are you dealing<br/>with them?</li> </ul>                                 |   |  |
| Leadership   |   |  |
| <ul> <li>How are you<br/>developing leadership<br/>in the team?</li> </ul>             | A new team leader in post who is undertaking management training. Coaching project management skills plus attending formal training events. |  |



# Housing Audits Work-stream Review Programme

| Work-stream   | Stage One  | Stage Two  | Stage Three  |
|---|--|--|--|
| Quarter Two (Jul –<br>Sep)  |  |  |  |
| Compliance     Fire Safety     Legionella     Gas Safety     Asbestos | work-stream review involves gathering evidence, useful information and insights that can inform changes to the service area being looked at. Activities may include some, or all, of the following:  • Consultation with Team Leader; • An audit programme in line with ISO 9001:2015; • Best practice research; • Staff focus group(s); • Horizon scanning: | The Strategy, Improvement and Engagement Team works with the service area to agree any proposed changes and how they could work in practice. Stage two includes (where applicable):  Development and/or review of procedures; Development and/or review of policies; Review of key documents, forms or standard letter templates; Updates to website pages; and Planning of any ongoing communications e.g. social media messages, campaigns or internal staff communications. | A full handover to the team is carried out so that all updated documents can begin to be used in line with any updated procedures.  Timescales are agreed for an evaluation to take place which will assess the impact of any changes made as a result of the workstream review. |
| Aids and Adaptations  Quarter Three (Oct –                            |  |  |  |
| Dec)  Leaseholder Service   |  |  |  |
| Anti-Social Behaviour   |  |  |  |
| Quarter Four (Jan –<br>Mar)   |  |  |  |
| Start of Tenancy /<br>Sign Up Process                                 |  |  |  |
| [TBD]   | Assessment of any IT systems that are in use.  |  |  |