CMT Review & Sign-off of Service Plan

Required Consultations ('X' for all that apply)

Required Consultations (must be completed before CMT submission) **Date of Review** Any Issues / Comments/Concerns from Area Consultee/areas of shared objectives Planning, Development Shared objectives: New Build programme, Growth & Regeneration and Infrastructure, Growth Board Homes and Communities work stream Housing **ICT & People** Finance Legal & Democratic Services Environmental, Shared Objectives: ASB and Enforcement activities **Resident & Regulatory** Services Finance, Commercial Shared Objectives: Garage strategy & Investment **Assets & Property** planning Development, Revenues Benefits and Fraud, Procurement & Compliance



Housing

Service Plan

Period of the Plan	2020/21
Services: Housing	Strategic HousingProperty & PlaceTenants & LeaseholdersHousing Development

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Strategic Priorities

Council Strategic Priorities & Service Objectives

Priorities	Service objectives (outcome focused)	Barriers to overcome
Ensuring economic growth and prosperity	Encourage all suppliers to employ locally based labour and where possible use local suppliers to reduce CO2 impact from transportation.	Long term contracts in place so need to work with main contractors to engage with local sub-contractors where possible and employ locally based staff.
	Branching Out Initiative to support tenants back into work to reduce dependence of benefits	Often circumstances behind work options are complex and the impact of C19 may reduce employment opportunities. Input from external agencies is required to support positive outcomes, so pro-active engagement required.
Affordable Housing	Essentially the focus of the whole service is aimed at improving the quality and availability of affordable homes with a specific focus on those in greatest housing need.	Requirement to obtain demographic data externally to supplement the internal sources of demand and supply data. Consideration of the impact of external support funding or grants
	Explore all opportunities to accelerate or increase the provision of good quality homes at social rent.	Attendance at the Homes and Communities Growth Board meetings and working with planning to assess any sites appropriate for accelerated delivery.
	Supported housing Project, continuation of the work started in 2019-20. Options appraisal for	

those schemes that are identified as requiring some form of intervention.

Post COVID actions to address the homeless that have been provided with TA and continue to work with partner agencies, police, probation, HCC and other districts to target intervention.

Ensure the implementation of the new Key Strategic Indicators are embedded in the delivery of the TAM contract and operational objectives delivered in line with the KPI's

Improve the scope and range of services available through frameworks to provide resilience in the event of contractor collapse and to ensure specialist services are delivered especially in areas of compliance.

Work with Strategic Planning and Development Control on the Local Plan to maximise opportunities for social housing development and delivery on larger sites. Need to assess impact on residents in those schemes and any need for temporary or permanent decants.

Lack of clear guidance from MHCLG for individuals with complex needs or no recourse to public funds. Increasing numbers of homeless presentations resulting from COVID 19, hospital discharges, prisoner release and domestic abuse. Capacity issues for external agencies including probation, Community Mental Health teams or Adult care services

Post COVID recovery likely to impact the delivery of some of the strategic objectives.

Review of priorities will be ongoing throughout the year.

Ongoing high levels of demand across the sector for all compliance related functions especially fire safety engineers, fire risk assessors, and specialist contractors who are able to complete works. Also issues with material testing have created problems with the specification of internal fire doors.

		Local Plan yet to be adopted
A clean, safe & enjoyable environment	Compliance & Health & Safety project to embed the approach to safety within the housing portfolio in respect of the physical assets and the occupiers.	Changes in testing of materials and increased legislative requirements are ongoing and will require an agile approach to ensure that any actions undertaken are appropriate. Improved systems and data in order to
		effectively manage the compliance are essential.
	Window cleaning and cleaning service to continue to review of the delivery model and market test window cleaning options for the service.	Some changes to the delivery model already implemented, but additional monitoring required to maintain quality. Align frequency of cleans with service charges apportionment method.
	Review the ASB and Enforcement services to tenants following restructure and corporate ASB moving into Housing	Must align with aims of the Community Safety Partnership and rely on wider changes across the council
Delivering an efficient and modern council	Tender the contract to procure new management arrangements for the Elms	Consideration of the impact on voluntary sector partners in respect of a potential

	Increase the use of evidence led decision-making and support the service to embed improvement recommendations. Civica, Inform and Orchard to be used to improve reporting on key areas of service. Use of new customer portals to reduce telephone demand to be promoted Review approach to Leaseholder management and service charges, including incorporating recommendations from the work stream review. Consult and implement charging structure arrangements for 19/20 and produce a policy to clarify approach Trial suitable Off Site & Modern Methods of Construction and continue to work with neighbouring districts and registered providers to ensure any economies of scale and knowledge sharing are realised.	change in provider and any impact on the strategic objectives Review the fitness for purpose of the various systems in use and the need for training to use the information effectively. Work with Corporate Transformation team to ensure projects are delivered in line with any corporate ICT development work. Leasehold work stream review findings presented to the engaged leaseholders and action agreed.
Building strong and vibrant communities	Extend the scope of the PRS Service, in line with Fitness for Human Habitation Act legislation and the Private Rented Housing Strategy Transfer all existing Flexible tenants (1450 as of 01.04.2020) onto a secure tenancy agreement	

Service Objectives into Action

All service areas

Service Objectives:

• Options appraisal for Supported housing provision including risk management of works in schemes

Key Actions	By When	Who is Responsible for Delivery	Impact on MTFS	What will be different once this is done?	Updates
Overlay the health data with the existing information on the Cat 2 schemes to further inform interventions	• December 2020	 Supported Housing Team Leader 	• Nil	The information will be used to supplement the existing data on the scheme appraisals	Collection of health information during the pandemic has provided greater insight
Market and publicise the moving to a smaller home and benefits of the sheltered schemes	October 2020	Housing Needs Team Leader & Housing representatives	Potential for an increase rental income to be generated	A reduction in void periods and increased revenue, plus more people moving to a smaller more suitable property for their housing need	•
Develop options for the schemes which have been identified for interventions, including a business case	• February 2021	 Group Manager Property & Place, Group Manager Development, Team Leader Supported Housing 	Investment will be profiled to align with available budgets and agreed option	Investment targeted to improve viability or as alternative uses	

Identify appropriate sites for a new sheltered scheme and consider viability to progress	•	February 2021	•	Group Manager Tenants and Leaseholders, Group Manager Development, Team Leader Supported Housing	•	Investment will be profiled to align with available budgets and agreed option	•	Demand will be met	
	•		•		•		•		•

Service Objectives: HRA Empty homes Project to reduce key to key times and improve rental income					
Key Actions	By When	Who is Responsible for Delivery	Impact on MTFS	What will be different once this is done?	Updates
Implementation of the re-engineered empty homes process	• April 2021	Group Manager Property and Place & Housing Needs Team	 Reduction in void rent loss minimal impact on MTFS 	Reduction in key to key times	Action plan developed

Service Objectives	Service Objectives: Climate Change					
Key Actions	By When	Who is Responsible for Delivery	Impact on MTFS	What will be different once this is done?	Quarter Update	
Obtain baseline modelling for the existing stock and identify suitable interventions	• May 2020	Team Leader M&E and Compliance and Group Manger Property and Place	Dependent upon ability to obtain grant funding	Improved data quality	Engaged with APSE and Energy saving trust to refine data	

Ensure all new build properties are designed to maximise thermal efficiency and reduce the impact on CO production	Ongoing	Group Manager Development	Included in budgets	Move towards carbon zero homes	Ongoing
 Model various investment scenario's to maximise the reduction in CO production 	• September 2020	 Group Manager Property and Place 	•	•	
Evaluate the use of smart meters or intelligent controls with a tenant focus group	October 2020	Team Leader M&E and Compliance	•	•	

Service Objectives:
- Compliance and Health and Safety Project to address Building Safety Bill and Building regulation updates

Key Actions	By When	Who is Responsible for Delivery	Impact on MTFS	What will be different once this is done?	Updates
Stock Condition information and compliance data reconciliation, including surveys for communal areas, to be migrated onto appropriate system to enable improved accessibility of information to all staff	• October 2020	Team Leader Compliance	Costs contained within existing budgets	• Improved awareness and access to information upon which to manage H&S within the stock and liaise with the Fire Service on matters such as Personal emergency evacuation plans where appropriate.	
Review of requirements in Building Safety Bill and establish appropriate roles and experience within the service	• September 2020	 Group Manager property and Place and Team Leader Compliance 	 In year growth bid may be required, dependant upon level of skills, experience and competency of staff within the team 	•	
Ongoing training for all staff within the service to maintain a good level of	Ongoing	Team Leader Compliance	Training budget allocated	Staff understanding of their role and the management of	•

knowledge and	risks in relation
understanding of	to the housing
the responsibilities	service
in respect of H&S	

Strategic Housing Group Manager: Natasha Beresford

Key Actions	By When	Who is Responsible for Delivery	Impact on MTFS	What will be different once this is done?	Quarter Update
 Develop a strategy that outlines the approach and management of the Private Sector Housing in the Borough 	August 2020	Strategic Housing Group Manager and Private Rented Sector Team Leader , plus input from ASB, Community Safety, Property & Place and Planning/Building control	Team Leader post created to manage the service and ensure strategy delivered.	The council will have a clear approach to improving the standards and accessibility within the PRS. Landlords and Tenants will have an increased awareness of their rights and responsibilities.	PRS strategy developed and approved

	Service Objectives: Procure new Elms management contract						
Key Actions	By When	Who is Responsible for Delivery	Impact on MTFS	What will be different once this is done?	Quarter Update		
 Finalise contract arrangements for the Elms following engagement with HCC and PHCOG 	• September 2020	Strategic Housing Group Manager & Independent Review & Project Officer	The impact will be dependent upon the successful service provider	 Clearly defined roles and responsibilities for the management of the asset and operational management of the hostel 	Impacted by increased demand on homeless service. Contract extended for further 12 months		
Support the transfer arrangements, if appropriate and monitor the transition and ongoing performance	April 2021	Strategic Housing Group Manager & Independent Review & Project Officer	No impact	Ongoing monitoring of the performance and management of the arrangement	•		

Service Objectives: explore bring empty Key Actions			Impact on MTFS		Quarter Update
Analysis of data from BRE and develop the action plan to address the key areas for intervention	August 2020	Team Leader PRS	Included with the base budgets for the year	Increased activity to identify and licence properties and ongoing	Commenced review of the data after verification from BRE

Communication with the PRS landlords to raise awareness of the requirements and opportunities for support from the	• July 2020	Lead Officer PRS & SIE Team	•	enforcement activities Increased awareness amongst landlords and RP's of the requirements and support	Ongoing support and advice provided during the pandemic.
team Recruitment of Empty Homes Lead to scope and deliver project	• June 2020	Team Leader PRS	Included in budget – 1 year fixed term post	 available Assessment of empty homes and the potential for use as affordable housing in the PRS 	Delayed slightly due to pandemic, but appointment due to be made in August

Key Actions	By When	Who is Responsible for Delivery	Impact on MTFS	What will be different once this is done?	Quarter Update
 Consultation with residents and STAR survey results 	• June 2020	SIE Team Leader	•	Overview of survey results and identification of key areas, enabling more detailed analysis	Findings presented to TLC and senior management team
 Review of the current engagement structures and methods especially 	• July 2020	SIE Team Leader	•	More robust engagement structures to	Review ongoing to include the structure of the team to deliver

the impact of COVID restrictions				support current service needs	the engagement structure
Determine if KPI's are relevant and sufficiently customer focused	• Sept 2020	SIE Team Leader	•	Increased clarity on customer satisfaction to support review and improvements to service delivery.	•
 Ensure appropriate engagement of residents in line with the new Building Safety Bill 	• March 2021	SIE Team Leader	•	Engagement more effectively geared to support service challenge and ensure Tenants Voice is heard.	•
Review historic Housemark submissions and consolidate with other data returns to ensure more effective reporting/benchmarking	• May 2020	SIE Team Leader	•	Ability to more effectively benchmark service delivery against other providers and inform service needs/improvements	Historic submissions validated and improved finance mapping completed
 Greater use of market intelligence and horizon scanning to inform service delivery 	• September 2020	SIE Team Leader	•	Proactive response to market intelligence	•
Commence in depth consultation with tenants on Tenancy Agreement	August 2020	Tenancy Team Leader	•	Ability to identify appropriate amendments to the tenancy agreement	Start delayed due to pandemic

Service Objectives:	Service Objectives: Full review of Allocations Policy:						
Key Actions	By When	Who is Responsible for Delivery	Impact on MTFS	What will be different once this is done?	Quarter Update		
Implementation of system upgrade	• October 2020	Independent Review & Project Officer	•	 Great system efficiency and improved customer service 	•		
Pre-tenancy project implement improvements	October 2020	Independent Review & Project Officer & Housing Needs Lead Officer	•	 More robust management of risk and assessment of applicants needs 	•		
Customer engagement and communications project	• January 2021	Housing Needs Team Leader	•	Increased awareness of the Housing Allocations Policy and better management of expectations	•		

Service Objectives: Revision of Tenancy Strategy; due to flexible tenancy change						
Key Actions	By When	Who is Responsible for Delivery	Impact on MTFS	What will be different once this is done?	Quarter Update	
 Engage with RP's to implement a charging structure for administration of the advertising 	October 2020	Team Leader Housing Needs	•	 More effective management of RP's advertisement and allocations, 	•	

and choice based lettings functions	providing greater efficiency and improved
	customer
	service

Service Objectives:	Service Objectives: Homelessness						
Key Actions	By When	Who is Responsible for Delivery	Impact on MTFS	What will be different once this is done?	Quarter Update		
Re-contracting provision: The Elms	• December 2020	Group Manager Strategic Housing	•	Improved contract terms and management of the council's asset.	•		
Delivery of 10 Housing First Placements linking funding to SLA	• March 2021	Independent Review & Project Officer	•	Improved housing pathway for rough sleepers and those with complex needs	•		
Launch of 2020- 24 Homeless and Rough sleeping strategy	August 2020	Homeless Prevention Team Leader	•	Clear direction on the strategic approach to preventing homelessness and rough sleeping	Strategy completed going through approvals process		

Introduction of homeless prevention offer to increase access to PRS and introduction of targets for officer performance challenge	• October 2020	Homeless Prevention Team Leader	•	Reduced demand for temporary accommodation and social housing	
 Multi-agency engagement to deliver improved pathways and outcomes for dual diagnosis and complex needs customers 	• October 2020	Independent Review & Project Officer	•	More effective pathways, inter agency working and improved local support for those with complex needs	•

Property & Place

Group Manager: Jason Grace

Service Objectives: Ensure the implementation of the new Key Strategic Indicators are embedded in the delivery of the TAM contract and operational objectives delivered in line with the KPI's

Key Actions	By When	Who is Responsible for Delivery	Impact on MTFS	What will be different once this is done?	Quarter Update
Realign structure of Property and Place to maximise the contract management of Osborne and all contractors working on behalf of the Council – include skills analysis and retention of qualified staff	April 2020	Group Manager Property and Place	Included within the growth bids for 2020-21	Improved understanding of roles and responsibilities and reduction in duplication.	Completed but the priorities in respect of service delivery have been impacted by the pandemic
Work with Osborne to agree the priorities, post COVID remobilisation and impact on any performance targets	• Ongoing	Group Manager Property and Place & Team Leader contracts	Impact of COVID relief will need to be factored into the in-year budget	Agreed objectives and weighting of the Key Strategic Indicators	Agreed work streams for delivery and revised budgets for the remainder of the year, to reflect the reduction in planned works

Service Objectives: Housing Repairs Service									
Key Actions	By When	Who is Responsible for Delivery	Impact on MTFS	What will be different once this is done?	Quarter Update				
Reduce cost of repair	Ongoing throughout the year	Group Manager Property and Place and Team Leader Contracts	•		The reduce cost of repairs is being discussed and measures implemented along with the revised delivery model, this includes repairs and voids.				
Shared responsibility across housing	•	•	•	•	The team are continuing to work with and support other departments within Housing, ongoing.				

Service Objectives: Planned									
Key Actions	By When	Who is Responsible for Delivery	Impact on MTFS	What will be different once this is done?	Quarter Update				
 More control plus 5 year plan 	•	•	•	•	A revised delivery model and programme is being developed for this year due to COVID. The 5 year plan with form part of the stock condition/asset management health check				

					to establish if the data held is sufficient to allow a business plan to be developed, ongoing at this stage.
Section 20	•	•	•	•	 Section 20 activity will continue in accordance with Leasehold Legislation, ongoing

Service Objectives: Review the structure of	Service Objectives: Review the structure of the Cleaning Service to improve the delivery model and provide additional resilience									
Key Actions	By When	Who is Responsible for Delivery	Impact on MTFS	What will be different once this is done?	Quarter Update					
Window cleaning service market test to establish delivery model	• September 2020	Team Leader Assets	• None	Dependent upon outcome of market test the window cleaning will improve	The complete cleaning contract will be reviewed over the coming months by an external consultant to establish effectiveness in both delivery approach and financial model. However the first course of action (investigation) is to identify and establish delivery concerns, complied with rumours of unprofessional activities. This investigation has commenced and is currently ongoing.					

Ensure there are adequate resource levels to manage the additional units	• October 2020	Team Leader Assets	Minimal any impact to be included within budget	New blocks would be identified earlier in the	As above
created through				development	
the development programme.				cycle so that necessary	
				provision for	
				cleaning can be	
				addressed.	

Group 3 – Tenants & Leaseholders Group Manager: Layna Warden

	Service Objectives: Proactive Housing Management							
Key Actions	By When	Who is Responsible for Delivery	Impact on MTFS	What will be different once this is done?	Quarter Update			
Finalise Hoarding & self-neglect protocol and procedures	• December 2020	Team Leader Tenancy Sustainment, Team Leader Tenancy and Leasehold	Spending on repairs for poor condition homes will be reduced	Staff will be more confident in how to address and support tenants who hoard	•			
Transfer all existing flexible tenants onto a secure tenancy agreement	April 2021	Team Leader Tenancy and Leasehold	• n/a	All DBC tenants will have the same secure tenancy agreement offering stability and security	•			
Launch Tenancy health checks committing to visit every tenant at least once	November 2020	Team Leader Tenancy and Leasehold	Initial increase in repair requests but longer term reduction in void costs	All tenants will be aware of the aims and purposes of the visits and first 1000 completed	•			

every 5 years					
Review Enforcement and ASB service	• February 2021	Group Manager and Team Leader Tenancy and Leasehold	Additional post funded by previous recharge to ASB team	Early intervention for ASB cases preventing escalation and providing reassurance for tenants	•

Service Objectives: Orchard Health Check to determine best use of the system to be integrate across all variety of teams								
Key Actions	By When	Who is Responsible for Delivery	Impact on MTFS	What will be different once this is done?	Quarter Update			
 Review of current modules and those in development to migrate as many staff onto Orchard Classic 	• September 2020	Group Manager Tenancy and Leasehold and Rent and Income Team Leader	Already included in the budget	Improved resilience and functionality of the system	Preparatory work completed			
 Identify reports and information from Inform to help understand and shape services 	• September 2020	Tenancy Sustainment Team Leader and Supported Housing Team Leader	• n/a	We will have better information about the services we provide and the needs of our tenants	•			

Investigate integration between Orchard, InForm and Civica linking with New Normal	• December 2020	Group Manager Tenants and Leaseholders	• n/a	This will inform progress with New Normal and understanding an effective CRM for Housing services	•
Review effectiveness of Income Analytics	• March 2021	 Group Manager Tenants and Leaseholders and Rent and Income Team Leader 	•	Confidence that system is providing value for money	•
•	•	•	•	•	•

Service Objectives:
• Reduce impact of unemployment and reduced income

Key Actions	By When	Who is Responsible for Delivery	Impact on MTFS	What will be different once this is done?	Quarter Update
Develop effective support for under 25s	November 2020	Tenancy Sustainment Team Leader	No Impact – from existing post	Improved sustainment of tenancies especially for those younger tenants or care leavers reducing eviction costs	•

•	mance gement come	• March 2020	Rent and Income Team Leader	•	 and rent arrears Reduction in evictions, bad debt and rent arrears 	Completed and in use
and	erships sses to ively rt g on ff of rsal	• March 2021	Rent and Income Team Leader	Achieved savings set out in 2019/20 and expected in 20/21	Reduction in arrears for those on UC	
	ort e to e s needs oported ng	• March 2021	Supported Housing Team Leader	Will ensure cost recovery	The service charge will reflect the cost to run the service and match similar neighbouring providers	

Group 4 – Housing Development

Group Manager: David Barrett

Service Objectives: Explore Funding Options to increase Affordable Housing delivery Funding								
Key Actions	By When	Who is Responsible for Delivery	Impact on MTFS	What will be different once this is done?	Quarter Update			
Obtain Investor Partner status to enable grant applications for future funding	• July 2020	Group Manager Development	No impact – opportunity to secure funding to supplement the new build programme	Opportunity for securing grant if the scheme is extended	•			
 Work with finance to assess and refinancing options to increase new build programme 	August 2020	Group Manager Development	This will need to be assessed once the detail is know	Potential to increase new build programme	•			
Work with the Herts Growth Board to identify opportunities for accelerated delivery and funding options	• May 2020	Group Manager Development	Will need to modelled in the Business Plan	Potential to accelerate delivery of new build programme	Ongoing work with HCC to identify any sites that can be accelerated with funding or other interventions			

Service Objectives: Off Site Manufacturing Delivery					
Key Actions	By When	Who is Responsible for Delivery	Impact on MTFS	What will be different once this is done?	Quarter Update
Identify the most appropriate manufacturers for use on the sites identified for the use of OSM	August 2020	Group Manager Development	•	•	•
Ensure the chosen manufacturers supply chain is resilient following the impact of COVID 19	August 2020	Group Manager Development	•	•	•
Continue to support the consortium to determine if economies of scale can be achieved	Ongoing	Group Manager Development	•	•	•

Service Objectives: Building Regulation revisions and Building Safety Bill					
Key Actions	By When	Who is Responsible for Delivery	Impact on MTFS	What will be different once this is done?	Quarter Update
 Monitor the updated requirements for compliance and design implications 	• September 2020	Group Managers Development & Property and Place	•	•	•
Additional training to all staff in respect of changes and requirements for competency	Ongoing	Group Managers Development & Property and Place	•	•	•

Service Objectives:	Service Objectives: Project Management Handbook					
Key Actions	By When	Who is Responsible for Delivery	Impact on MTFS	What will be different once this is done?	Quarter Update	
Conclude the development of the Project Management Handbook, incorporating changes to reflect the Building Safety Bill and other statutory changes	April 2021	Group Manager Development	•	•	•	

Service Improvement Plan

Action	Expected Improvement(s)	Planned Start Date	Lead
Improving Communications & Red	ucing Contact		
Build upon the channel shift that resulted from lockdown and continue to engage with tenants using digital, on-line and telephone contact.	Improved use of all media to improve communication	September 2020	Strategy, Improvement and Engagement Team Leader
Continue to grow digital and online presence, developing a focused social media plan to support updates to tenants and leaseholders	Improved efficiency and use of all media to contact, communicate and engage with tenants and leaseholders	April 2020	Policy, Projects and Engagement Lead Officer
Continue to review of website content to make sure it is up to date and relevant and develop further opportunities for self-serve (garages and rents)	Reduction in administration and improved options for self-serve	April 2020	Strategy, Improvement and Engagement Team Leader/ Policy, Projects and Engagement Lead Officer

Action	Expected Improvement(s)	Planned Start Date	Lead
Review, update and consolidate policies and procedures			
Identify all Policies that are currently used by the Housing Service and review impact of pandemic to revise as necessary	All Policies and procedures updated and stored on team site, any actions from strategies updated	July 2020	Strategy, Improvement and Engagement Team Leader/ Group Managers
Data & Evidence			
 Data cleansing of Orchard and collation of stock information to ensure the service is maximising data held: Building up profiling information on both stock and tenants It is compliant with new GDPR regulations 	Improve management information on the use of the stock and the impact of flexible tenancies and the roll out of Universal Credit	July 2020	Group Manager Tenants and Leaseholders and Group Manager Property and Place
Sheltered accommodation Prioritise recommendations from the review and determine viability of interventions	Develop medium to long-term strategy for the sheltered accommodation and the changing needs of the over 0's demographic	July 2020	Team Leader Supported Housing
Garages stock survey and investment strategy to be completed in conjunction with finance and estates teams	Investment will be targeted and decommissioning sites for alternative use or disposal	August 2020	Garage Officer

Assess the optimum number of garages the Council should retain for revenue income.			
Benchmarking and information returns e.g. Housemark LAHS, P1E including Coronavirus impact monitoring through Housemark	Compare our performance against peers and identify opportunities for service improvement	April 2020	Quality, Insight and Improvement Officer

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Risk Register 2020 - 21

Housing Landlord - Fiona Williamson					
HL_F01 Failure to closely monitor operational and financial factors affecting the delivery of the HRA Business Plan					
Category:	Corporate Priority: Affordable Housing		Risk Owner:	Portfolio Holder:	Tolerance:
Financial			Fiona Williamson	Margaret Patricia Griffiths	Treating
Inherent Probability	Inherent Impact	Inherent Risk Score	Residual Probability	Residual Impact	Residual Risk Score
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	Severe	1 11110 51	Very Unlikely Controls		ssurance
Consequences Delivery of the Business Plan would not be achieved if income and financial control is not closely managed		and service priorities Any policy changes or governments that may assumptions are quickly athe Business Plan This enables for long term	reflect statutory changes vernment impact the plan or its inalysed and reflected into in financial viability to ere are foreseen issues in s can be altered as	finance Sign off by Cabinet	elopment in conjunction with
Sign Off and Comments					

The Business Plan is being updated to reflect the financial modelling and review of the strategic priorities to ensure the plan remains viable and aligns with the Corporate priorities.

	HL_I03 Failure to adopt a service specific best practice approach to Health and Safety (Housing Landlord						
Inherent Probability 3 Likely Severe Consequences Current Consequences Current Consequences Current Consequences Current Consequences Current Consequences Service specific H & S process sheltered housing service conductions and staff eg. fire safety and landings policy and procedus schedule Corporate H&S process sheltered housing service conductions and staff eg. fire safety and landings policy and procedus schedule Corporate H&S process sheltered housing service conductions and staff eg. fire safety and landings policy and procedus schedule Corporate H&S process sheltered housing service conductions and staff eg. fire safety and landings policy and procedus schedule Corporate H&S process sheltered housing service conductions and staff eg. fire safety and landings policy and procedus schedule Corporate H&S process sheltered housing service conductions and staff eg. fire safety and landings policy and procedus schedule Corporate H&S process sheltered housing service conductions and staff eg. fire safety and landings policy and procedus schedule Corporate H&S process sheltered housing service conductions and staff eg. fire safety and landings policy and procedus schedule Corporate H&S process sheltered housing service conductions and staff eg. fire safety and landings policy and procedus schedule. Corporate H&S process sheltered housing service conductions and staff eg. fire safety and landings policy and procedus schedule. The safety and landings policy and p	Risk Owner:	Portfolio Holder:	Tolerance:				
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qualified staff (though this is Council finds it difficult to re grounds)	covering service users d lone working; clear lures; estate inspections policy under review. n key areas. ovide support and administration of health cy Committee Quarterly leeting Agendas ety Group attended by las appropriately is itself a risk as the	review	otes of meetings available for				

Ongoing work to manage risks and migrate data onto assess and compliance software systems

Q2 and Q3 audits of Asbestos and Legionella management plans completed and recommendations being implemented

Housing – Fiona Williamson						
Risk name: Failure to identify and manage Private sector Landlords and Houses in Multiple Occupation						
Category: Reputational	Corporate Priority: Safe and Clean Environment		Risk Owner: Natasha Beresford	Portfolio Holder: Margaret Patricia Griffiths	Tolerance: Treating	
Inherent Probability	Inherent Impact	Inherent Risk Score	Residual Probability	Residual Impact	Residual Risk Score	
3	4	12	2	4	8	
Likely	Severe	Red	Unlikely	Severe	Amber	
Conseque	ences	Current	Controls	Assurance	Assurance	
prejudicial to their health. Statutory function so reputational and financial risks for the Council.		the anticipated increase in to the legislation. Training for all staff in HHSF undertaken.	developed to align with the	-		

Sign Off and Comments

Increased activity to assess potential HMO's ongoing, awareness raised with staff and members, to report potential HMO's. Consideration of the risks associated with an outbreak of COVID in an HMO setting and the potential for homeless presentations.

Category:	Corporate Priority:		Risk Owner:	Portfolio Holder:	Tolerance:		
Financial	Affordable Housing		Natasha Beresford	Margaret Patricia Griffiths	Treating		
Inherent Probability	Inherent Impact	Inherent Risk Score	Residual Probability	Residual Impact	Residual Ris Score		
3 Likely	4 Severe	12 Red	2 Unlikely	4 Severe	8 Amber		
Conseq	uences	Current	Controls	Assurance	e		
n homeless presentations on budget.	Safety risks for clients if eft to sleep rough. Increase would have severe impact et homeless and no second act of COVID-19 resulting in	monthly reporting of stats seeking Housing Advice and homeless. Use of grant funding to support	oplement the team with ocess presentations through omeless process				
		Sign Off and Comments					

Failure of the Total Asset Management Contractor to deliver the five strategic objectives and agreement on the year 5 benchmarking						
Category:	Corporate Priority:	Corporate Priority:		Portfolio Holder:	Tolerance:	
Financial	Affordable Housing		Alan Mortimer	Margaret Patricia Griffiths	Treating	
Inherent Probability	Inherent Impact	Inherent Risk Score	Residual Probability	Residual Impact	Residual Risk Score	
3	4	12	2	4	8	
Likely	Severe	Red	Unlikely	Severe	Amber	
Conseq	uences	Current	t Controls Assu		ance	
Inability of the contractor to extensions and associated of collation and interrogation condition information. Reprof the anticipated benefits realised. Operational consesservicing and installation coextensions due to the co-loteams. Additional costs and contract.	costs of managing the of repairs data and stock utational issues in respect to stakeholders not being equences if the gas ontract secures contract cation of the operational	Regular contract review through a matrix of operational, financial and strategic core group meetings, with early warning mechanisms and agreed actions to address any areas of poor performance. Monthly monitoring of key performance indicators to identify any trends which could impact upon the achievement of the key strategic indicators. Strategic Core Group Minutes Key Performance Indicators On-going scrutiny by the Proper surveyors		S		

Sign Off and Comments

Year 5 Benchmarking review completed and ongoing management of costs and quality through regular operational and Strategic meetings. . Consider the impact of the Cornavirus pandemic on the ability of Osborne to deliver the strategic indicators.

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: Reputational			Risk Owner: Layna Warden	Portfolio Holder: Margaret Patricia Griffiths	Tolerance: Treating
Inherent Probability	Inherent Impact	Inherent Risk Score	Residual Probability	Residual Impact	Residual Risk Score
3 Likely	4 Severe	12 Red	1 Very Unlikely	4 Severe	4 Green
Conseq	luences	Current	Controls	Assurance	e
Appropriate Support to ind accommodation and if not and wellbeing of some of oresidents	given there is risk to health ur most vulnerable	• •		Supported Housing Officer Procedures	
		Sign Off and Cor	mments		

Review of the Supported Housing Assets underway, to assess the suitability of the assets for current and future use.

HL_R03 Failure to Deliver the Council's New Build Programme					
Category: Reputational	Corporate Priority: Affordable Housing		Risk Owner: David Barrett	Portfolio Holder: Margaret Patricia Griffiths	Tolerance:
Inherent Probability	Inherent Impact	Inherent Risk Score	Residual Probability	Residual Impact	Residual Risk Score
2 Unlikely	4 Severe	8 Amber	1 Very Unlikely	4 Severe	4 Green
Conseq	luences	Current	Controls	Assuranc	e
Reputational and financial impact with public and HCA regarding grant allocations and due to the high profile of the project and Corporate priorities Fortnightly AD update, more concentrating solely on descended and Senior Project Manager of the proje		nthly project group, team velopment and new post of eated ne progress of expenditure s to supplement those t any that do not progress	All Schemes have project wupdated fortnightly	VOI NJITEELS	
		Sign Off and Cor	nments		
Ongoing monitoring of progre	ss to assess delivery underway	. Any projects that are identifi	ed as having risks of delays or o	do not progress are reviewed a	and a pipeline of

alternative sites retained to provide resilience.

Housing – Fiona Williamson Risk name: Failure to recruit and retain appropriately skilled, experienced or professionally qualified members of staff. **Corporate Priority: Risk Owner:** Portfolio Holder: Category: Tolerance: Reputational Modern and efficient Council Margaret Patricia Treating Fiona Williamson Griffiths **Residual Risk Residual Impact Inherent Probability Inherent Impact Inherent Risk Score Residual Probability** Score 3 4 2 12 4 8 Likely Severe Red Likely Severe **Amber** Consequences **Current Controls** Assurance Reliance on external consultants and agency staff and the Identified all roles that have difficulties in terms of additional cost implications and pressure if the budgets recruitment and retention by area to supplement the Risk of incorrect decisions being made by inadequately workforce planning review. qualified or trained staff Corporate project to improve the recruitment approach Risk of legal action increase in disrepair claims, and graduate programme to supplement in house skills Environmental Protection Act claims or personal injury base Ongoing training for all staff in HHSRS and fire safety claims. Any issues arising as a result of Statutory functions, risk of has been undertaken to supplement the knowledge and prosecution and the associated reputational and financial improve awareness. Use of Apprenticeship levy to support professional risks for the Council. training and qualifications

Sign Off and Comments

Apprentice posts created to provide pipeline of trained and skilled staff, to supplement skills levels. Mentoring of Tech RICS roles ongoing

Housing – Fiona Williamson						
Risk name: Failure to identify and manage Private sector Landlords, Houses in Multiple Occupation and Empty Homes						
Category:	Corporate Priority:		Risk Owner:	Portfolio Holder:	Tolerance:	
Reputational	Safe and Clean Environmen	t	Natasha Beresford	Margaret Patricia Griffiths	Treating	
Inherent Probability	Inherent Impact	Inherent Risk Score	Residual Probability	Residual Impact	Residual Risk Score	
3	4	12	2	4	8	
Likely	Severe	Red	Unlikely	Severe	Amber	
Conseque	ences	Current	Controls	Assurance		
Private sector tenants living in poor conditions that could be prejudicial to their health. Reduction in projected income from licence fees and enforcement action Statutory function so reputational and financial risks for the Council.		Additional resources employ anticipated increase in work the legislation. Training for all staff in HHSF undertaken and updated to Habitation Act requirement New procedures have been the changes in legislation Volumes to be monitored to demand upon the service.	RS and fire safety has been include Fitness for Human is.			
Sign Off and Comments						
Ongoing monitoring the changes in legislation as a result of the Cornavirus Pandemic						

Funding

Current Budgets - Gen Fund & HRA

Gen Fund Housing

HOUSING & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE GENERAL FUND BUDGET DETAIL 2020/21

Draft 2020/2021 £ Variance 2019/20 - 2020/21 £ %

Housing & Community

Housing Landlord (Fiona Williamson)

Housing Standards (Jason Grace)					
Employees	50,520	5,180	+11%		
Transport	0	0			
Supplies & Services	0	0			
Income	(35,110)	(690)	(2%)		
Recharges	10,915	4,583	+72%		
Net Expenditure: Housing Standards	26,325	9,073	+52%		

Garages (Jason Grace)			
Employees	41,840	1,550	+4%
Premises	685,440	111,470	+19%
Supplies & Services	0	0	
Capital Charges	719,300	0	+0%
Income	(3,570,780)	199,590	+5%
Recharges	436,950	3,751	+1%
Net Expenditure: Garages	(1,687,250)	316,361	#REF!

Supporting People (Jason Grace)				
Recharges	7,500	0	+0%	
Net Expenditure: Supporting People	7,500	0	+0%	

Homelessness (Natasha Beresford)		

Employees	878,760	60,630	+7%
Premises	109,950	3,570	+3%
Transport	1,000	1,000	
Supplies & Services	65,300	(15,000)	(19%)
Capital Charges	115,000	0	+0%
Transfer Payments	0	(50,000)	(100%)
Income	(950,660)	(327,330)	(53%)
Grants and Contributions	(606,920)	18,140	+3%
Recharges	200,073	71,483	+56%
Net Expenditure: Homelessness	(187,497)	(237,507)	

Housing Advice (Natasha Beresford)				
Employees	106,640	11,640	+12%	
Transport	0	0		
Supplies & Services	35,230	(9,320)	(21%)	
Recharges	177,280	(17,931)	(9%)	
Net Expenditure: Housing Advice	319,150	(15,611)	(4%)	

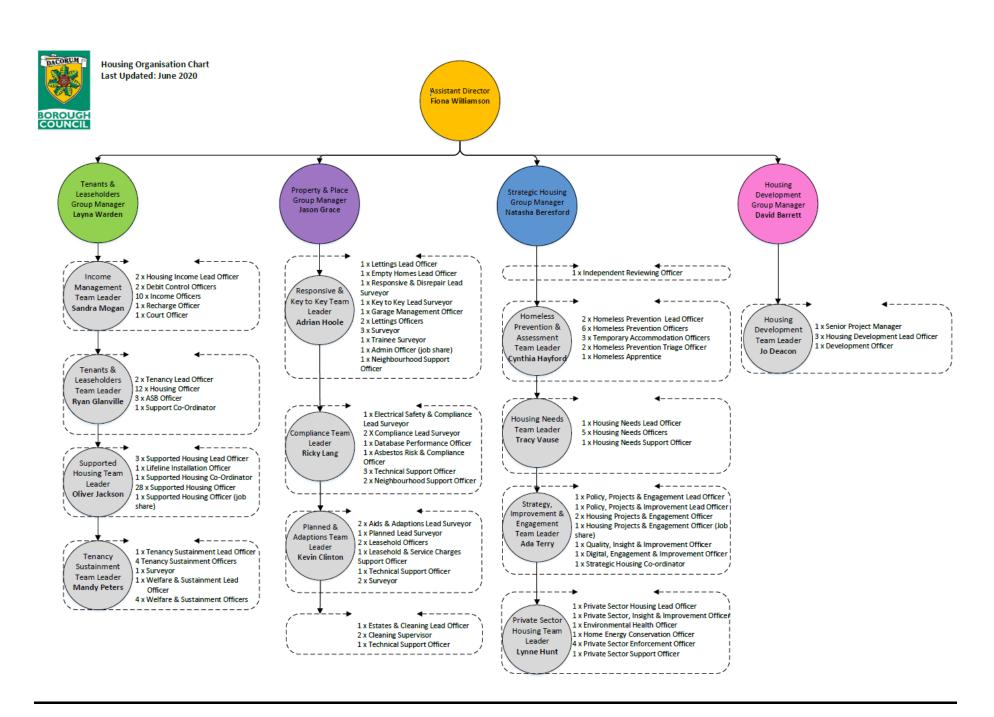
Housing Strategy (Natasha Beresford)			
Employees	555,320	135,510	+32%
Transport	2,720	50	+2%
Supplies & Services	18,020	(44,970)	(71%)
Transfer Payments	5,000	0	+0%
Income	(30,600)	(600)	(2%)
Recharges	139,331	3,732	+3%
Net Expenditure: Housing Strategy	689,791	93,722	+16%

Net Expenditure: Housing Landlord (831,982) 166,038 +9%

HRA Summary

HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET SUMMARY 2019/20 & 2020/21			
£000	Original 2019/20	Growth / (Savings)	Estimate 2020/21
Income Dwelling Rents	(52,536)	(1,899)	(54,435)
Non-Dwelling Rents	(102)	0	(102)
Tenant Service Charges	(1,626)	109	(1,517)
Leaseholder Charges	(487)	(106)	(593)
Interest and Investment Income	(435)	243	(192)
Contributions to Expenditure	(645)	0	(645)
Total Income	(55,831)	(1,653)	(57,484)
Expenditure	40.000		10.000
Repairs and Maintenance	12,068	0	12,068
Revenue Contribution to Capital	5,480	375	5,855
Supervision & Management	12,783 307	1,413 28	14,196 335
Corporate and Democratic Core Rent, Rates, Taxes & Other Charges	35	1	36
Provision for Bad Debts	975	0	975
Interest Payable	11,558	28	11,586
Depreciation	12,625	241	12,866
Total Expenditure	55,831	2,086	57,917
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HRA Deficit / (Surplus)	0	433	433
Housing Poyonus Asseunt Polones			
Housing Revenue Account Balance: Opening Balance at 1 April	(2 802)		(2 902)
Deficit / (Surplus) for the year	(2,892)		(2,892)
Closing Balance at 31 March	(2,892)		(2,892)
Olosing Dalance at 31 March	(2,032)		(2,032)
Earmarked Reserves:			
Opening Balance at 1 April	(18,146)		(18,579)
Contribution from / (to) Pension Reserve	- '	433	433
Closing Balance at 31 March	(18,146)		(18,146)

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Workforce Planning Report

Group 1 – Strategic Housing

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Staff turnover and risk	
 Recruitment Are there any skills that may prove difficult to recruit? How are you making these roles more attractive? 	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.
 Skills development What new skills do you need to deliver service objectives? Could we develop these in-house? How are you transferring or developing specialist skills? 	Housing Needs Team have undertaken 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 undertaken, with regular refreshers required.
 Single Points of Failure Are there any single points of failure? How are you dealing with them? 	As mentioned in point 1, EHO is single point of failure and the development of the new PRS Enforcement Officer posts has mitigated against this to a point. Given the number of responsibilities, the service has, in order to ensure that the service is tackling all areas of responsibility, a further review of resource is ongoing, to enable the effective tackling of empty homes and enforcement activity. Strategic Housing Co-ordinator post, is 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. In the past year sickness and challenges in recruiting to the role of Housing Needs Officer have had a significant impact on the service delivery and performance in empty homes/lettings. The service has now made these roles generic in function to reduce single points of failure and build in resilience.
LeadershipHow are you developing leadership in the team?	A number of new Lead Officer posts were introduced within Strategic Housing approximately 18 months ago, due to new burdens. This has enabled these officers to be involved in key team and service plan objectives or lead projects. Additionally there have been several acting up opportunities as a result of other staff challenges, which has provided a development opportunity at Team Leader and Group Manager level. Training has been made available for a number of staff across the service to develop management skills, such as ILMs.

Group 2 – Property & Place

Staff turnover and risk	
 Recruitment Are there any skills that may prove difficult to recruit? How are you making these roles more attractive? 	All construction related and/or technical roles continue to be very difficult to recruit. Post Grenfell Health and Safety and compliance related qualifications are commanding an even greater premium in the marketplace. Consideration has to being given to what options are available to make the roles more attractive to attract and retain the correct candidates
 Skills development What new skills do you need to deliver service objectives? Could we develop these in-house? How are you transferring or developing specialist skills? 	Quantity Surveying, Risk management, compliance related skills including gas, Fire Risk assessments, Legionella, asbestos and M&E. 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.
 Single Points of Failure Are there any single points of failure? How are you dealing with them? 	Stock Database officer, Fire Risk Assessor, legionella, asbestos officer, surveyor. Additional staff are working with the Promaster software and further training will be undertaken to establish some super users of the system. Re-alignment of teams and roles to include cross team support and familiarity with specialist processes External specialist consultancy support is being used to increase capacity with Fire Risk assessments
Leadership • How are you developing leadership in the team?	Invited participation at Team Leaders meetings, mentoring and coaching techniques used to assist Team Leaders to develop. Re-alignment of teams and roles to include cross team support and familiarity with specialist processes External and internal management training, and supporting professional membership qualifications (chartered status)

Group 3 – Tenants & Leaseholders

Staff turnover and risk	
 Recruitment Are there any skills that may prove difficult to recruit? How are you making these roles more attractive? 	There is a good level of demand for most full time roles within the Tenants and Leaseholder service. The levels of sickness and turn over in Housing Officer – Tenancy and Supported Housing Officers are high but mainly due to the numbers and that officers are keen to develop into new roles.
 Skills development What new skills do you need to deliver service objectives? Could we develop these in-house? How are you transferring or developing specialist skills? 	A good knowledge of service charges is needed to implement this service objective. Responsibility, skills and knowledge will be developed within the Income team. Resilience is needed to continue to manage the work load in the Tenancy and Sustainment Teams. This could be achieved through training, regular 121's and employee assistance support.
 Single Points of Failure Are there any single points of failure? How are you dealing with them? 	All single points of failure have been addressed through realignment and reviewing responsibilities.
Leadership • How are you developing leadership in the team?	A joint team plan for the T&L team will ensure that managers are aware of the strategic direction and how their teams contribute. It will ensure partnerships across the service. A number of Officers have attended the in-house Introduction to Management Course. This will help identify those who can be future managers. Additionally offering the opportunity to offer mentoring and coaching across teams can provide support and develop leadership.

Group 4 – Housing Development

Staff turnover and risk	
 Recruitment Are there any skills that may prove difficult to recruit? How are you making these roles more attractive? 	Yes, there is a skills shortage of good quality project managers in housing development. Limited due to salary levels. Consideration of options of how this can be addressed is underway and use of specialist recruiters to target individuals in the market.
 Skills development What new skills do you need to deliver service objectives? Could we develop these in-house? How are you transferring or developing specialist skills? 	Improved project management skills. Yes, this is our approach Learning and support from our consultant team along with now having a team leader in post
 Single Points of Failure Are there any single points of failure? How are you dealing with them? 	No
 Leadership How are you developing leadership in the team? 	A new team leader in post who is undertaking management training. Coaching project management skills plus attending formal training events. Ongoing training and attendance at CPD events to supplement skills and knowledge within the team.