

#### REPORT of DIRECTOR OF SERVICE DELIVERY to

# STRATEGY AND RESOURCES 15 SEPTEMBER 2022

# MALDON DISTRICT COUNCIL HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING STRATEGY EXTENSION

# 1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 to agree an extension to the Homelessness and Housing Strategy from 2018 - 2023 to 2018 - 2025.

# 2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- (i) That recommendations of the Councils Auditor BDO which advocated for the Council's Homelessness and Housing Strategy to be extended, be noted;
- (ii) that the proposed amendment and two year extension to the Homelessness and Housing Strategy so that Officers can continue to deliver against the objectives therein, be agreed.

### 3. SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 The Maldon District Council Homelessness and Housing Strategy (the Strategy) was first drafted in 2018 and contains a number of Actions which are essential ongoing functions as well as Actions yet to be delivered
- 3.2 The Strategy (at **APPENDIX 1**) includes a minor amendment to align the Strategy with the current Corporate Outcomes within the Councils Corporate Plan (page 8).

### 4. CONCLUSION

4.1 Extending the Strategy will allow Officers to continuing delivering against the corporate objectives of the Council as set out in the Strategy on pages 61 – 66.

### 5. IMPACT ON STRATEGIC THEMES

- 5.1 The Housing Strategy supports the Councils Core Values of:
  - Having a Customer Focus;
  - Being Ambitious;
  - Collaborating to Deliver.
- 5.2 The Housing Strategy further supports the Councils Place Thematic Strategy:

- Deliver the Housing the District Needs.
- 5.3 The Housing Strategy further supports the Councils Community Thematic Strategy:
  - Working with our communities and partners to improve the physical health and well-being of our residents;
  - Working with our communities and partners to improve the mental health and well-being of our residents;
  - Building on the strengths of our communities and what they can do to support themselves and help each other to thrive.

## 6. **IMPLICATIONS**

- (i) <u>Impact on Customers</u> The Housing Strategy continues to provide a framework within which Housing can shape and deliver services to Maldon and Burnham-on-Crouch residents.
- (ii) Impact on Equalities None.
- (iii) <u>Impact on Risk</u> Failure to have an active Homelessness and Housing Strategy could lead to the Housing delivering services inefficiently or against legislative policy.
- (iv) Impact on Resources (financial) None.
- (v) Impact on Resources (human) None.
- (vi) Impact on the Environment None.
- (vii) Impact on Strengthening Communities Successful delivery of Housing Strategy Projects will have positive outcomes for social/affordable housing delivery across the district.

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