

## **HOUSING CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT**

### **Aim**

- 1.1 To note the contents of the Housing Contribution Statement for Scottish Borders area and endorse its submission with the Strategic Plan.

### **Background**

- 2.1 In 2015 Scottish Government has published Statutory Guidance which requires that a Housing Contribution Statement be developed for each Integrated Joint Board area. This is referred to as 'The Housing Advice Note (HAN)' which is the statutory guidance to Integration Authorities, Health Boards and Local Authorities under the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014. It applies especially to the preparation of Integration Authorities' Strategic Commissioning Plans, which must include a Housing Contribution Statement (HCS). The HCS is essentially a joint process and responsibility and the Guidance is clear that the Integration Authority must put in place a Housing contribution Statement as part of its Strategic Plan.
- 2.2 This Guidance sets out the contents for the required Housing Contribution Statement. A Housing Contribution Statement (Appendix 1) has been prepared in line with the Statutory Guidance and The Scottish Borders Housing Contribution Statement sets out how the Statutory Housing Authority and Registered Social Landlord sectors will work to support the Scottish Government's strategic objectives with particular regard to the integration of Health and Social Care.
- 2.3 The Integration Joint Board is required to comply with Section 5 of the Housing Advice Note which states "it should be treated under the Governance arrangements for the Integrated Joint Board.

### **Summary**

- 3.1 In order to comply with the Housing Advice Note it is proposed that the attached Housing Contribution Statement which has been prepared in partnership and as a joint process between the Statutory Housing Authority, local Social Landlords and Health & Social Care is endorsed by the Integrated Joint Board and submitted to Scottish Government as part of the Strategic Plan.
- 3.2 The Housing Contribution is vital to the effective delivery of the Strategic Plan as it is recognised that the architecture and urban design of our neighbourhood environment effects health and well-being both from a physical and mental perspective. It also plays a key contribution as a sufficient supply of good quality, energy efficient spacious accommodation supports independent living which is not only important for good physical and psychological health but is required to meet the needs of our growing older population.

### **Recommendation**

The Health & Social Care Integration Joint Board is asked to **note** the contents of the Scottish Borders Housing Contribution Statement and **endorse** its submission with the Strategic Plan.

<b>Policy/Strategy Implications</b>	The Housing Contribution Statement has been developed in order to meet the requirements of the recently published Statutory Guidance by Scottish Government.
<b>Consultation</b>	The development of the document has been led by the Council's Housing Strategy Team through a participative approach involving Registered Social Landlords which was facilitated and supported by consultancy from the Joint Improvement Team, who have also reviewed the document to ensure that it complies with the Guidance.
<b>Risk Assessment</b>	The document draws upon the contents of the Scottish Borders Councils current Local Housing Strategy 2012/17, and Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2015/20. Both of which have been subject to their respective risk assessments, and Equality Impact Assessments.
<b>Compliance with requirements on Equality and Diversity</b>	It is anticipated that there are no adverse impact due to race, disability, gender, age, sexual orientation or religion/belief arising from the content of this document.
<b>Resource/Staffing Implications</b>	There are no additional costs associated with the document.

**Approved by**

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