

# **East Herts Council Report**

## **Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

**Date of meeting:** Tuesday 9 June 2026

**Report by:** Executive Member for Neighbourhoods

**Report title:** Housing Strategy Action Plan Update 2025/26

**Ward(s) affected:** All

### **Summary**

- This report is provided to Overview and Scrutiny Committee to share the delivery progress of actions outlined in the Housing Strategy in 2025/26.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

- A) Undertake a review into the progress of actions to deliver the priorities of the Housing Strategy 2022-27; and**
- B) Make any recommendations regarding performance against these actions to the Executive Member for Neighbourhoods.**

### **1.0 Background**

1.1 The East Herts Housing Strategy for the period 2022-27 sets out four strategic priorities:

- deliver more affordable housing
- enable a wider range of accommodation
- support for the most vulnerable residents
- provide high quality housing options for older people which are better suited to their needs, and improve the sustainability and quality of homes

1.2 Specific actions under each of these priorities were agreed during the development of the strategy and have been monitored on a quarterly basis.

1.3 The Strategy is entering the final stages of delivery which provides a good opportunity for review.

## **2.0 Review of Progress of Housing Strategy Actions**

2.1 **Appendix A** provides details of the specific actions for Housing under each of the strategic priorities and the progress in 2025/26 against these actions.

2.4 This scrutiny exercise seeks to examine the progress of these actions.

2.5 The findings and any recommendations will be presented to the Executive Member for Neighbourhoods for consideration.

## **4.0 Reason(s)**

4.1 This scrutiny exercise seeks to examine the progress of the actions outlined to deliver the priorities in the Housing Strategy 2022-27. The aim of this scrutiny is to provide feedback to be considered in the last year of delivery of this strategy.

## **5.0 Options**

4.1 To not undertake a review of the progress of the actions to deliver the Housing Strategy– NOT RECOMMENDED. The review into the progress of the Housing Strategy is within the remit of Overview and Scrutiny, in line with their role to represent the interests of residents.

4.2 To undertake a review of the progress of actions to deliver the Housing Strategy 2022-27- RECOMMENDED

## **5.0 Risks**

5.1 The remit of Overview and Scrutiny is to help review and improve services and functions run by the council and its local partners. Therefore, there is no risk associated with this review.

## **6.0 Implications/Consultations**

6.1 Community Safety  
a) None arising directly from this report.

Data Protection

a) None arising directly from this report.

Equalities

a) None arising directly from this report.

Environmental Sustainability

a) None arising directly from this report.

Financial

a) None arising directly from this report.

Health and Safety

a) None arising directly from this report.

Human Resources

a) None arising directly from this report.

Human Rights

a) None arising directly from this report.

Legal

a) None arising directly from this report.

Specific Wards

a) None arising directly from this report.

**7.0 Background papers, appendices and other relevant material**

7.1 Background Information: None

7.2 Appendices

**Appendix A - Update on Housing Strategy 2022-27 actions**

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