

Housing and  
Homelessness  
Prevention Strategy  
2022-2027

Policy & Project  
Advisory Board  
24th November 2021



## Purpose of today's session

To take time to consider housing in a strategic context

To draw on members knowledge and experience of housing issues

Scope out the new strategy together

# Purpose of today's session

To start the discussion, we will look at proposed:

- objectives
- approach
- scoping

Then we will reflect together asking:

- Is this right for us?
- Does it support our corporate vision and objectives?
- What else do we need to cover?

The current strategy is valid to December 2022; it has 4 themes

## Four themes:

- The right homes in the right places
- Making the best use of the housing stock
- Helping people solve their housing problems and provide a suitable home when needed
- Enabling people to live in good quality accommodation that is suitable to their needs

The  
corporate  
context is  
changing

## The corporate objectives underpinning the existing strategy:

- Sustaining a thriving economy and boosting local business
- Supporting & empowering our communities and meeting local needs
- Cleaner, greener & more cultural Rushmoor
- Financially sound with services fit for the future

Rushmoor's  
new Vision  
and  
Business  
Plan have  
more  
emphasis on  
housing

Our current corporate context  
now expressly mentions  
housing:

- The vision for Aldershot and Farnborough 2030- Identifies Housing for every stage of life as one of the 6 major ambitions
- Rushmoor's current Business Plan states; *"we will make sure that there are enough homes and types of housing provided in Aldershot and Farnborough"*

Why we  
have to  
work on this  
now

The council's current Housing and Homelessness Strategy period ends in Dec 2022

Homelessness Act 2002 requires:

- All housing authorities to have a homelessness strategy in place based on a review of all forms of homelessness in their district
- The strategy must be renewed every 5 years
- It must set out our plans for the prevention of homelessness and how we will secure accommodation and support for people who become homeless or are at risk of becoming so

## What we need to deliver

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A well-researched strategy document providing clear approaches to the housing themes identified as important through the review, audit and consultation work.

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A supporting delivery plan to help us monitor implementation and progress. A red, amber, green system could be used.



## Exclusions and constraints

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The strategy will not be responsible for the delivery of specific housing projects which are managed and resourced as part of the Housing Company or the Property, Major Works and Regeneration Programme.

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The delivery of the strategy may be constrained by the availability of resources to deliver the project pending decisions made by the Corporate Resources and Efficiencies Programme; members decision on its progression or significant change to national housing policy during the life of the project.

# Interfaces and Dependencies

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Rushmoor Council Business Plan, the Local Plan and the emerging Strategic Economic Framework.

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National housing and planning policies,

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National and local funding models for both capital and revenue (Homes England and MHCLG)

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Strong partnership working with housing providers, service providers and the voluntary sector.

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The work of neighboring authorities and Hampshire County Council.

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That Housing and Homelessness prevention remain a priority area of work supported by members.

Proposed  
Objectives:  
are these  
right/what  
else?

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Set out a clear approach to delivering housing which meets a range of housing needs and aspirations in the borough

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Support the council in its corporate objectives and to deliver its climate change and community wellbeing strategies.

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Demonstrate transparency in the way in which the council meets its statutory housing duties.

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To ensure that our most vulnerable residents have access to accommodation and support appropriate to their needs.

Proposed  
approach: is  
this right/  
what else?

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A review of the delivery plan for the previous strategy period.

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Updated housing needs and housing market data. \*

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An audit of existing housing service provision to identify any gaps and issues. \*

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Consultation with stakeholders to include members, residents, housing partners and neighbouring authorities to identify current housing challenges.

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Document drafting, including a delivery plan which can be used to monitor progress.

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Document approval

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Document publication of an approved strategy document

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Strategy Implementation

Scoping  
considerations/  
is this right/  
what else?

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Understanding of housing needs and aspirations in the private and social sectors

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Approach to maximize energy efficient, open market and affordable housing delivery with developers, RP partners and Rushmoor Homes Ltd in the context of Government Policy and the Local Plan

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Best use of the existing housing stock, including bringing empty homes back into use

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Role to ensure residents live in safe accommodation, suitable to their needs, by enforcing housing standards and administering grants for aids and adaptations

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Rough Sleeping and Temporary Accommodation strategies

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Approach to homelessness prevention, advice and housing allocation

# Proposed Timescales

Action	When
Consultation	Spring'22
Feedback SHLPG	April'22
Feedback PPAB	June'22
Document Drafting & CMT agreement	July- Sept'22
Cabinet	Oct'22
Time for any re writing following Cabinet	Nov'22
Full Council	Dec'22
New Strategy published	January 2023