



Meeting(s):	Development Committee	6 September 2022
Report Title:	Local Housing Strategy	
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1.0 Decisions / Action Required:
1.1 That the Committee APPROVES the Local Housing Strategy (LHS) (Appendix A).
2.0 High Level Summary:
2.1 The LHS is a requirement of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001, placing a statutory duty on local authorities to assess housing need, demand and provision across all tenures in its area and to set out a future strategic direction to meet housing needs.
2.2 The LHS aligns to national housing priorities and is developed in collaboration with partner agencies and a wide range of stakeholders. The LHS must comply with the 2019 Guidance from the Scottish Government.
2.3 At its meeting on 8 March 2022, the Development Committee approved the Framework for the LHS and noted the steps required to achieve completion and submission of the document (Min Ref: 12/22). This report presents the conclusion of the detailed action plans as per the Guidance, the resources assessment for the implementation, finalised housing supply targets and a full suite of impact assessments.
3.0 Corporate Priorities and Joint Working:
3.1 The key priority themes of the LHS are reflected in the Shetland Partnership Plan and increasing supply of housing, tackling fuel poverty and homelessness are key priorities in the Corporate Plan 'Our Ambition'.
3.2 The production and delivery of the LHS relies on a broad range of partner agencies and stakeholders.
4.0 Key Issues:
4.1 The approach, methodologies, consultations and stakeholder involvement are detailed in the LHS. The process of producing the LHS has reviewed the strategic context of housing across all tenures in Shetland, based on a wide range of evidence sources. This has enabled a set of high level actions to be identified for each theme area and a prioritised list of actions to be developed.

4.2	The implementation plans have been prioritised and given indicative timescales.
4.3	An integrated impact assessment and an islands impact assessment have been carried out as detailed in Appendices 2 and 3 to this report. These confirm that LHS outcomes are unlikely to have an effect on an island community which is significantly different from its effect on other communities.
4.4	Subject to approval of the final document, the LHS and its appendices will be submitted to the Scottish Government for assessment.
5.0 Exempt and/or Confidential Information:	
5.1	None.
6.0 Implications :	
6.1 Service Users, Patients and Communities:	Stakeholder input has been sought throughout the process and overseen by an LHS Steering Group. At the outset of the process an early engagement public survey was carried out which was used to support the information used at the virtual stakeholder conference – attended by over 80 stakeholders. Subsequent assessment and prioritisation was carried out by expert panels and verified by the LHS Steering Group.
6.2 Human Resources and Organisational Development:	None.
6.3 Equality, Diversity and Human Rights:	A full suite of impact assessments have been carried out on the LHS and no negative impacts identified.
6.4 Legal:	It is a legal requirement under the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001 that local authorities prepare a Local Housing Strategy. Failure by the Council to discharge its statutory obligations represents a significant corporate risk.
6.5 Finance:	The adoption of the LHS includes actions that inevitably have costs associated with them some of which is included in the 2022/23 budget. There may be other developments or activity required to implement the LHS which are not currently funded and consideration will be needed in future budget setting exercises, in order to facilitate successful delivery.
6.6 Assets and Property:	None.
6.7	None.

ICT and New Technologies:	
6.8 Environmental:	None.
6.9 Risk Management:	Having up to date, evidence-based strategic documents supports good decision-making.
6.10 Policy and Delegated Authority:	In accordance with Section 2.3.1 of the Council's Scheme of Administration and Delegations, the Development Committee has delegated authority to determine functional matters within its remit.
6.11 Previously Considered by:	LHS Framework Report approved at Development Committee
	8 March 2022

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Appendices:

Appendix A – Local Housing Strategy
Appendix A1 – Stakeholder Conference Report
Appendix A2 – Integrated Impact Assessment
Appendix A3 – Islands Impact Assessment
Appendix A4 – Setting Housing Supply Targets

Background Documents:

[Local Housing Strategy: guidance 2019 - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/publications/local-housing-strategy-guidance-2019/pages/introduction.aspx)

[Housing to 2040 - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/publications/housing-to-2040/pages/introduction.aspx)

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