

## **ADOPTION OF THE HOUSING STRATEGY 2021/22 – 2025/26**

*Reporting Officer: Corporate Director of Planning, Environment, Education & Community Services*

### **SUMMARY**

Following Cabinet endorsement and referral of the Borough's new Housing Strategy at its meeting on 11 November 2021, Council is requested to formally agree its adoption as a policy framework document. The Strategy document is available in the Group Offices, on-line or upon request from Democratic Services.

**RECOMMENDATION: That the Borough's Housing Strategy 2021/22 to 2025/26, be adopted as part of the Council's policy framework.**

### **INFORMATION**

The Housing Strategy is a key policy framework document for the Council, which provides direction and priorities for housing services. The Council has responsibilities for housing both as a landlord and in relation to its strategic housing role. This includes assessing needs and priorities and planning for the delivery of affordable housing; standards of housing and management across both the social sector and the private rented sector; homelessness and housing advice, housing support and aids and adaptation. The Housing Strategy identifies key challenges and sets out priorities for the coming five years. It takes account of and is compliant with national policy and legislation and the London Housing Strategy 2018: Homes for London.

### **Consultation carried out**

Comprehensive and lengthy consultation with residents and relevant stakeholders has taken place on all documents as set out in the related Cabinet report considered on 11 November 2021. This included both pre and post consultation engagement with the Environment, Housing and Regeneration Select Committee.

### **Financial implications**

Approval of the Housing Strategy itself will not give rise to any immediate financial implications, though such programmes, once planned and implemented, will require resource allocation. This will be achieved via the Council-wide MTF process.

### **Legal Implications**

Section 8 of the Housing Act 1985 requires the Council to periodically consider housing conditions in their district and the needs of the district with respect to the provision of further housing accommodation. The Housing Strategy outlines how the Council will discharge its duties to secure accommodation within the Borough.

BACKGROUND PAPERS: None