

Extract from the minutes of the Joint Strategic Committee - 30 March 2021

JSC/134/20-21 Delivering Pathways to Affordable Homes

The report followed the publication of the Adur and Worthing Housing Strategy for 2020-2023 'Enabling communities to thrive in their own home'.

The report outlined how Adur and Worthing Councils intended to meet the commitments of the Housing Strategy and increase supply of affordable housing in the area. This was detailed in the housing development strategy, appended to the report, titled Developing Pathways to affordable homes.

The strategy described the Councils ambitions to deliver more high quality affordable homes in a post pandemic world. The delivery plan would run for 4 years and help inform the next iteration of the housing strategy due in 2023/24.

The Councils' ambitions reflected the platform's strategy which meant this was about more than simply building houses, the delivery of homes should help communities thrive, further work on sustainability and deliver new skills and local jobs as the Councils' adopted modern methods of construction.

Members welcomed the proposals, giving consideration to the increasing demand for housing, the impact of the pandemic on future demand, the mix of provision particularly in relation to the proportion of affordable housing being delivered and the shortage in supply of good quality housing.

The recommendations were proposed by Councillor Daniel Humphreys, seconded by Councillor Heather Mercer and unanimously supported.

Decision

The Joint Strategic Committee :

- I. considered the 'Developing Pathways to Affordable Homes' report and recommended its adoption to Adur District Council and Worthing Borough Council as part of the Housing Strategy for 2020-2023;**

- II. directed officers to prepare the more detailed delivery plans for each Council as outlined in the Pathways document.

(Link to the report on the website e.g. [Joint Strategic Committee - 30 March 2021](#))