

**Housing Strategy 2012-15
(Report by the Housing Strategy Manager)**

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 For Overview and Scrutiny and Cabinet to consider the Housing Strategy 2012-15.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The previous Housing Strategy has expired and the action plan that was agreed at that time has been mostly achieved. This revised document sets out how housing and related initiatives contribute towards the Council's new Corporate Aims.
- 2.2 The Housing Strategy spans the period 2012-15. This is a shorter time frame than previous documents because it is being developed at a time of rapid change, most notably resulting from National Planning Policy Framework; Welfare Reform Act; Localism Act and the national Housing Strategy. Given the significant amount of change that the Council is responding to at the current time it was thought appropriate for the document to focus on the next 3 years.
- 2.3 The draft document has been the subject of consultation with housing association partners. This included a briefing session held in July 2012. Feedback has been positive.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The Housing Strategy 2012-15 be approved.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Huntingdonshire's Housing Strategy 2006-11

<http://www.huntingdonshire.gov.uk/Housing/Pages/HousingStrategy.aspx>

National Planning Policy Framework; CLG; March 2012

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/planningandbuilding/pdf/2116950.pdf>

Laying the Foundations; CLG; November 2011

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/housing/housingstrategy2011>

Welfare Reform Act; DWP; March 2012

<http://www.dwp.gov.uk/policy/welfare-reform/legislation-and-key-documents/welfare-reform-act-2012/>

Localism Act 2011; CLG; November 2011

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/localgovernment/decentralisation/localismbill/>

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