

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL  
(SERVICE DELIVERY AND RESOURCES)  
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**BME HOUSING STRATEGY 2003/04**  
**(Report by the Head of Housing Services)**

**1 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to consult members on and seek approval of the draft Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) Housing Strategy 2003/04.

**2 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 Government guidance states that Housing Strategies should be limited to a 30 page submission and be underpinned by a range of other strategies, to which the Housing Strategy should refer. The BME Housing Strategy is one such strategy.

- 2.2 This BME Housing Strategy is in its infancy and will be reviewed next year when the information gathering and monitoring information, required as actions from this first strategy, are to hand.

- 2.3 This strategy will be submitted to *GO-East* as an accompanying document to the Housing Strategy.

- 2.4 Under the Council's constitutional arrangements, the Housing Strategy and associated supporting strategies forms part of the policy framework, and requires approval by the Council.


- 2.5 Consultation is ongoing. This strategy, with covering letter, has been sent to all elected members of the District Council. It has been sent out in advance of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel, Cabinet and Council to allow members to digest the content and to raise any comments with members of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel, Cabinet or for clarification direct to the Head of Housing Services prior to consideration at Council.

**3. RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 Council is asked to **approve** the Black and Minority Ethnic Housing Strategy, and to **authorise** that the Director of Operational Services, following consultation with the Executive Member for housing strategy, approve any necessary presentational changes, or textual changes to the strategy document resulting from ongoing consultation, and to submit the Strategy to *GO-East* by 31 July 2003.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Housing Strategy Statement 2004/2007 and associated documentation.

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