

Executive Summary of Agenda Item No.8

Report title: Bristol City Council's Housing Delivery Plan

Wards affected: All

Strategic Director: Barra Mac Ruairi, Place and Alison Comley, Neighbourhoods

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Recommendation for the Mayor's approval:

1. Seek approval to adopt and implement Bristol City Council's Housing Delivery Plan
2. Approve the list of Priority Actions and Sites proposed in Appendix 2, to be taken forward for development in 2017/18.
3. Delegate authority to the Strategic Director Place, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Homes and Communities, to agree amendments to the 2017/18 priority sites development work, to manage unforeseen development delays and ensure the overall delivery programme remains on target.
4. To approve expenditure for the following activities in support of the housing delivery plan:
 - a) Delegate authority to the Strategic Director Place, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Homes and Communities, to authorise grant funding payments to Homes West Bristol members (including those in excess of £0.5m) to support the delivery of affordable housing, based on the existing funding policy and procedure for registered providers. A total of £9m capital expenditure in 2017/18 is requested to be approved for grant funding increasing to £12m per annum for the four year 2018/19 to 2021/22.
 - b) Authorise the Strategic Director Place, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Homes and Communities, to: submit outline planning permission on council owned sites for housing development; and to procure consultancy, through either an OJEU competitive process or compliant framework, to carry out pre development work - £3.7m of capital expenditure in 2017/18, £2.5m in 2018/19 and £1m per annum for the three years 2019/20 to 2021/22 is requested to be approved for this.
 - c) Build capacity in the Housing Delivery Team through the recruitment of additional staff. Recurrent annual capital expenditure of £0.857m is requested to be approved for this along with £0.6m of revenue expenditure (funds included within the 2017/18 budget approved at Full Council 21 February 2017).

Key background / detail:

- a. To seek approval to adopt and implement Bristol City Council's Housing Delivery Plan (the Plan)
- b. Key details:
 1. Bristol City Council has developed the Plan, designed to be the overarching document for delivery of housing in Bristol.
 2. The Plan sets out the reasons for prioritising housing delivery, the scale of the challenge and the approach to accelerating housing delivery, especially of affordable housing; through improvements to internal processes and to provide direction for external organisations and developers.

