

Topic Review: 'Homelessness and Empty Homes Strategy'**Background**

At its meeting on 2 July 2019 the Regeneration and Housing Board discussed their topic review choice for the municipal year 2019/20. After a debate, the Board chose to look at 'Homelessness and the Empty Homes Strategy'.

The Review

Members wished to consider how the Board could contribute to reducing homelessness. The focus of the topic review would be 'what the Council does now or could do in the future to meet the demand for more affordable homes in the City'.

Aims and Objectives of the Review

The Board had 3 aims for the review

Aims of the review

1. To consider how the Board could influence the proportion of affordable housing provided on developments.
2. To establish if an affordable housing contribution could be made in lieu, if affordable housing was not provided on particular developments.
3. To identify if this was something that could be addressed through the Local Plan process.

The objectives of the review

1. To establish if and how the Board was able to influence the proportion of affordable housing provided on developments.
2. To establish if and how an affordable housing contribution could be made in lieu, if affordable housing was not provided on particular developments.
3. To identify if this could be done through the Local Plan process and if not possible were there any other options that could be considered?
4. To make recommendations to the Council Cabinet.

Proposed methodology

The Board will consider written and oral information in gathering evidence for the review.

Witnesses

It is suggested that the Board considers evidence from the following witnesses

- Lead officers from Derby Homes
- Lead officers from Strategic Housing
- Lead officers from Planning

What evidence do we need to gather?

- **Policies and Strategies**

- All policies relating to Homelessness, Housing Strategy and the Empty Homes Strategy
- Local Planning Policy

- **Other information**

- Any relevant legislation

Timing and Timescales for the Review

The timescales for the review below are approximate.

19 November 2019	To consider and agree the scoping report. To receive a presentation on Affordable Housing Demand and Affordable Housing Growth.
December 2019 / January 2020	To gather the evidence.
21 January 2020	To consider the evidence and make recommendations.
February / March 2020	Finalise recommendations and write the report
17 March 2020	Agree recommendations and report to go to Council Cabinet. Agree to delegate sign off recommendations to chair/vice chair of the Board.
8 April 2020	Recommendations and final report to Council Cabinet.