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## **AGENDA**

**SPECIAL MEETING: Homes & Communities Committee**

**DATE: Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at 5.30pm**

**VENUE: Room G21, Kelham Hall**

**You are hereby requested to attend the above Meeting to be held at the time/place  
and on the date mentioned above for the purpose of transacting the  
business on the Agenda as overleaf.**

**If you have any queries please contact Helen Brandham on 01636 655248.**

**Refreshments will be served at 5.00pm in the Meeting Room**

## **AGENDA**

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1. Apologies for Absence
2. Declarations of Interest by Members and Officers and as to the Party Whip
3. Declaration of Any Intention to Record the Meeting

### **PART 1 – ITEMS FOR DECISION**

4. Newark & Sherwood Housing Market and Needs Assessment 2014

### **PART 2 – ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

None

### **CONFIDENTIAL AND EXEMPT ITEMS**

None

**NEWARK & SHERWOOD HOUSING MARKET AND NEEDS ASSESSMENT 2014**

**1.0 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To present to the Committee the findings of the Newark & Sherwood Housing Market and Needs Assessment (HMNA) 2014 and Sub-Area Analysis Report.

**2.0 Background Information**

- 2.1 As previously reported the Council, as a strategic housing authority, has a statutory requirement to undertake regular assessments of future housing requirements within the district in accordance with Part 11 (Section 8) of the 1985 Housing Act (*Periodical Review of Housing Needs*). In addition paragraph 159 of the National Planning Policy Framework (March 2012) states that Local Planning Authorities should have a clear understanding of housing needs in their area.
- 2.2 In this respect the Committee, at its meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2013, gave approval to commission a new district wide housing needs assessment. Members will note that David Couttie Associates (DCA) completed the last two districtwide housing needs assessments in 2003 and 2009 and in order to provide continuity and value for money, the Council directly commissioned DCA to undertake the new 2014 assessment.

**3.0 Housing Market Needs Assessment**

- 3.1 In accordance with the project timetable, DCA have now prepared a final draft HMNA and sub area analysis, which has been made available to all Council Members, relevant officers and local stakeholders.
- 3.2 Due to the strategic importance of this work DCA will present the findings of the HMNA to Members at this Committee meeting.
- 3.3 This will give Members the opportunity to scrutinise the findings, broaden their understanding of the housing market and needs across the district and, if appropriate, challenge the consultant on the findings being presented to test the assessment's robustness.

**4.0 Proposals**

- 4.1 The Committee considers and endorses the findings of the HMNA, along with the accompanying sub area analysis, to ensure the Council maintains a robust, localised housing needs assessment to inform key strategic housing, planning and economic corporate documents set against the Council's strategic priorities and objectives.

## **5.0 Equalities Implications**

5.1 The HMNA has assessed and taken account of the specific housing needs of people with protected characteristics ensuring the Council complies with its responsibilities under the Equalities Act 2010.

## **6.0 Impact on Budget/Policy Framework**

6.1 The policy framework and resources required have already been considered and approved by this Committee for the completion of a new housing needs assessment, within existing budgets.

## **7.0 RECOMMENDATION**

**That Members consider and endorse the findings of the Newark & Sherwood Housing Market and Needs Assessment (HMNA) 2014 and accompanying Sub-Area Analysis report.**

### **Reason for Recommendation**

**The Housing Market and Needs Assessment 2014 and Sub Area Analysis has been commissioned to ensure the Council maintains a robust housing needs evidence base to inform the key strategic housing, planning and economic corporate documents.**

### **Background Papers**

Nil

For further information please contact Rob Main, Strategic Housing on ext: 5930.

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