
EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE HELD ON 31 OCTOBER 2011

EX.129/11 HOUSING STRATEGY 2011-15 AND ACTION PLAN
(Key Decision)

Portfolio Environment and Housing

Subject Matter

The Assistant Director (Community Engagement) submitted report CD.16/11 presenting the Housing Strategy which would provide the principles for housing development in Carlisle during the period 2011 - 15. He informed Members that the Housing Strategy superseded the previous Strategy and was a key document in identifying the housing needs, challenges and solutions to be taken forward for the Carlisle district area. The Strategy comprised two elements:

- (i) the Strategy Vision which included the Council's vision, priorities and key actions (Appendix 1); and
- (ii) the Delivery Plan (Appendix 2)

The Assistant Director (Community Engagement) advised that a Housing Needs and Demand Study had been commissioned in March 2011 with a view to providing a robust assessment of current and future housing need. He added that the City Council had a vision for Carlisle as 'Cumbria's historic, dynamic and successful University City, creating growth opportunities in a sustainable environment with skilled people and international connections in a stunning location'. In addition, the Council had two corporate priorities (local environment and economy), together with a clear and well defined corporate objective to achieve economic growth and development. The Strategy and the Housing Needs and Demand Study would support key elements of the Local Development Framework and the City's Economic Strategy.

He further outlined the Strategy's thematic priorities and issues emerging from the Housing Needs and Demand Study, details of which were provided.

The Environment and Housing Portfolio Holder said that the report would be made available for consideration by Overview and Scrutiny, and he would be interested to receive their views and direction on both the Strategy and the Action Plan for delivery. He therefore moved the recommendations as detailed within the report.

Summary of options rejected None

DECISION

That the Executive had considered and approved Report CD.16/11 to go forward:

1. to be used in consultation on the Housing Strategy (2011 - 2015) and Action Plan;
and
2. to be made available to Overview and Scrutiny Panels for comment.

Reasons for Decision

To enable the Housing Strategy (2011-15) and Action Plan to be consulted upon.