

Item No. 3.	Classification: Open	Date: 29 June 2005	MEETING NAME Housing Scrutiny Sub-Committee
Report title:		Southwark Housing Strategy 2005 -2010.	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Strategic Director of Housing	

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. That Housing Scrutiny notes and comments on the new Housing Strategy.

BACKGROUND

2. Housing Scrutiny 29th July 2004 received a paper on
 - The reasons for developing a new housing strategy
 - The context of the strategy
 - The proposed vision, values and priorities of the strategy
 - The timetable and consultation plan for developing the strategy.
3. A consultation version of the housing strategy, with a questionnaire, was distributed to all councillors, residents groups and partners in November/December 2004. Officers attended a range of partnership and residents meetings to get input in to the consultation document.
4. Housing Scrutiny 7th March 2005 received a paper on responses to the consultation, which was drawn together in the *Housing Strategy Consultation Feedback Report*. This report also explains how the council is responding to the feedback received. This report was put on the council web site and posted to all housing conference delegates.
5. At the March meeting officers informed Scrutiny that the original timetable for signing off the housing strategy had been extended from to May. At that time it was intended that the Executive Member for Housing would sign off the strategy. Housing Scrutiny asked to see the final strategy before signing off by the Executive Member for Housing.
6. Since that meeting the timetable has been extended further due to changes regarding the sign off procedure.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

7. Housing Scrutiny should note that at the Council Assembly meeting on the 25th May, the council decided to include the housing strategy in the council's policy framework. Therefore, the strategy is now going to Executive on 12th July and to full Council on 20th July.

8. Housing Scrutiny is asked to note and comment on the attached strategy. Scrutiny's Comments will be included in the covering reports, which will go to the Executive and Council Assembly.
9. Scrutiny should note that there is still a small amount of editing and final checking to be done before the strategy goes to the Executive.
10. To save paper appendices are not included, although a list of the appendices is on the last page of the strategy.
11. An Equalities Impact Assessment of the Strategy has been undertaken. This has resulted in an action plan to address identified gaps/weaknesses in the strategy. The EIA will be included as an appendix to the final strategy. The EIA is going to external challenge on the 21st June, therefore it is not included in this version. Once it is finished it will be sent to all scrutiny members.

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
<i>Housing Strategy Consultation document</i> <i>Housing Strategy questionnaire Responses to consultation</i> <i>Other background papers e.g. papers to consultative forums,</i> <i>Housing Strategy Review Board agendas and minutes</i> <i>The Equalities Impact Assessment of the Strategy</i>	<i>Housing Regeneration Initiatives Strategy & Policy Team, 9 Larcom Street</i>	<i>Ann Pettifer x51218 or Robert Weallans x51217</i>

APPENDIX A

Audit Trail

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CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / EXECUTIVE MEMBER		
Officer Title	Comments Sought	Comments included
Borough Solicitor & Secretary	No	No
Chief Finance Officer	No	No
<i>List other Officers here</i>	<i>As in paper</i>	

Executive Member	Yes – through housing Strategy Review Board Through Executive Member for Housing briefings	No
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