

Council – 19th March 2013

**Recommendations from
Cabinet – 5th March 2013**

141. Coventry Housing and Homelessness Strategy 2013-18

The Cabinet considered a report of the Director of Community Services, which sought approval of the Coventry Housing and Homelessness Strategy 2013-18, which was appended to the report.

Although the Council no longer owned any council housing after the stock was transferred to Whitefriars Housing Group in 2000, the Council still has strategic housing responsibilities which included:

- To assess and plan for the current and future housing needs of the local population across all tenures.
- To make the best use of the existing housing stock.
- To plan and facilitate new supply.
- To plan and commission housing support services which link homes and housing support services.
- To work in partnership to secure effective housing and neighbourhood management on an on-going basis.

In addition, the Council had a duty to carry out a periodic review of homelessness in the area and publish a Homelessness Strategy.

A Housing Strategy was required to ensure the future provision of housing to meet the needs of the residents of Coventry. The production of a Homelessness Strategy was a legal duty required in the Homelessness Act 2002. Although the Council had previously produced separate strategies for housing and homelessness, due to the synergy between the documents, a combined Strategy had been developed. This combined Strategy set out the way that the Council's responsibilities for housing and homelessness would be met during 2013-18.

Consultation had been carried out, which included the consideration of a draft Strategy by the Transportation and Infrastructure Development Scrutiny Board (6) and a Final Draft Coventry Housing & Homelessness Strategy had been produced.

RESOLVED that, after due consideration of the options and proposals contained in the report and matters referred to at the meeting, the Cabinet recommends that the City Council approve the Coventry Housing and Homelessness Strategy 2013-18.