



Report to Policy Committee

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Purpose of Report:

This paper sets out our draft Housing Strategy for Sheffield. It sets out five strategic housing ambitions for the next decade to achieve our vision that everyone in Sheffield has a home that supports good health and is suitable for their needs and aspirations.

Having good quality, sustainable homes that meet the needs of our growing population is a vital part of achieving the outcomes in the Council Plan, contributing to driving the prosperity of the city, our communities and ensuring that we take action to protect our environment. The draft Housing Strategy is a Tier 1 strategy for Sheffield City Council as it sets the longer-term strategic direction for housing in the city and will be underpinned by more detailed strategies and delivery plans to achieve specific commitments (eg. Housing Growth Delivery Plan).

Citizens and partners have been involved in shaping the draft Housing Strategy vision and ambitions and it is recommended that we undertake further consultation

on the draft Strategy before presenting a finalised version to Strategy and Resources Policy Committee in September 2024.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee:

1. Consider and endorse the draft Housing Strategy, as set out in Appendix 1.
2. Approve the launch of a second phase of public consultation on the draft Housing Strategy.
3. Agree that the outcome of the consultation on the draft Housing Strategy will be presented back to the September 2024 Strategy and Resources Policy Committee
4. Agree that a final draft of the Housing Strategy will be presented to the September 2024 Strategy and Resources Policy Committee for consideration and approval.

Background Papers:

Appendix 1 – Draft Housing Strategy

Lead Officer to complete:-		
1	I have consulted the relevant departments in respect of any relevant implications indicated on the Statutory and Council Policy Checklist, and comments have been incorporated / additional forms completed / EIA completed.	Finance: Helen Damon
		Legal: Rebecca Lambert
		Equalities & Consultation: Ed Sexton
		Climate: Laura Ellendale
<i>Legal, financial/commercial and equalities implications must be included within the report and the name of the officer consulted must be included above.</i>		
2	SLB member who approved submission:	Ajman Ali, Executive Director Neighbourhood Services
3	Committee Chair consulted:	Tom Hunt Chair of Strategy and Resources Policy Committee
4	I confirm that all necessary approval has been obtained in respect of the implications indicated on the Statutory and Council Policy Checklist and that the report has been approved for submission to the Committee by the SLB member indicated at 2. In addition, any additional forms have been completed and signed off as required at 1.	
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	Date: 16/05/2024	

1. PROPOSAL

1.1 Background

1.1.1 Sheffield is an amazing city and housing is vital to the lives of our population. Housing is a fundamental element in the success of our communities, giving people early life chances and security, enabling them to be healthy and active, attracting new people to live here and be part of our growing prosperity.

1.1.2 We want everyone, in all of our communities to have access to homes and neighbourhoods that meet their needs and to be happy with where they live. We want people to have more housing choice and better access to a home in Sheffield which is safe, affordable and ready for a changing climate.

1.1.3 The draft Housing Strategy is a key component of our developing Strategic Framework, setting longer-term direction for housing to deliver the ambitions in the City Goals and our Council Plan and complementing our new Local Plan. It focuses on key, city-wide challenges and opportunities, and sets out a clear statement of the city's housing need and ambitions, to steer Sheffield City Council ("the Council") and city-wide partners in high-level decision making on housing over the next decade.

1.1.4 The draft Strategy is deliberately high-level, setting strategic direction which will then be enhanced by underpinning junior strategies and delivery plans, including:

- The Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Prevention Strategy.
- The Housing Growth Delivery Plan
- Older Persons Independent Living Strategy.

1.1.5 Additionally, there are several other key interdependent strategies and action plans across the Council that the Housing Strategy will either support, or be supported by, such as:

- Housing and Neighbourhoods Race Equality Action Plan
- Asset Management Strategy
- Housing Revenue Account Business Plan
- Tenant Engagement Strategy and Action Plan 2023

1.1.6 The draft Strategy is about all housing in our city across different tenures and both public and private housing. Our housing ambitions can only be achieved by collaborating and engaging people and partners from across the city – from tenants and home-owners to landlords and developers. Therefore, the draft Strategy has been developed with citizens and partners and it is proposed that further consultation is undertaken over the summer before a finalised draft is presented to Strategy and Resources Policy Committee in September 2024.

1.2 Context

1.2.1 The national housing landscape has transformed in the decade since our last Strategy was produced in 2013, in areas such as growth, quality of stock and new legislation. Austerity has transformed the public funding environment, and a range of economic challenges, including those associated with the cost-of-living crisis, have altered the housing market.

1.2.2 In addition, there has been significant recent legislative changes and pending legislative reforms that have prompted action by the Council. This includes ensuring compliance with the Regulation of Social Housing Act 2023, the Supported Housing (Regulatory Oversight) Act 2023, the Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023, and preparing for the proposed changes detailed in the Renters (Reform) Bill 2023-2024 (HC Bill 15) which had its second reading in the House of Lords on 15th May 2024.

1.2.3 Sheffield is a city that is being noticed globally and has the potential to be the best city to live and work in, grow up and grow old in, and to start, grow and scale a business in. Sheffield's local housing market context has many opportunities that can be capitalised upon, including:

- Sheffield's positioning as the 'Outdoor City'
- Two world class universities
- A vibrant history and culture
- A growing and diversifying city population

1.2.4 There are also several challenges to be addressed such as:

- Higher earning families leaving Sheffield to live in neighbouring districts.
- A shortage of all housing including a cumulative affordable housing shortfall
- Continuing very high demand for social homes.
- Significant increases in homelessness, and demand for temporary accommodation and supported housing.

1.2.5 In responding to these challenges and opportunities, the Housing Strategy will form a cornerstone document for the Council, shaping thinking and influencing decision making in housing across Sheffield for the next decade.

1.3 Evidence Base

- 1.3.1 Significant work has been undertaken to produce the draft Strategy. Initially, this involved an analysis of several primary and secondary data sources to understand housing need and priorities in Sheffield. Key to this effort has been considering the:
- Private Sector Stock Condition Survey (2021)
 - Strategic Housing Market Assessment (2018)
 - Census (2021)
- 1.3.2 Also undertaken has been a review of progress against the existing Housing Strategy, a Supported Housing Review, and a review of Housing Strategies from comparable cities. Finally, there has been consideration of the recommendations of the Race Equality Commission Report and the ARUP Sheffield City Council Zero Carbon Commission report.
- 1.3.3 Alongside examining existing evidence, extensive discussions have taken place with key stakeholders. This has included working groups with council officers and partners, attendance at multiple pre-existing forums and meetings, and a Task & Finish group with members of Housing Policy Committee.
- 1.3.4 The aim of this work has been to ensure that the right challenges, opportunities, and priorities for housing in the city have been identified. A vision statement and five key ambitions were produced based on this work, which were then tested via public consultation.

1.4 Consultation - Let's talk about Sheffield's housing

- 1.4.1 This first stage of public consultation – '*Let's talk about Sheffield's housing*' - was held over February and March 24. The analysis indicates that Sheffield residents believe the overall vision and ambitions of the emerging draft Strategy are broadly on track. A copy of the Housing Strategy phase 1 Consultation Headline report is included within the draft Housing Strategy at Appendix 1.
- 1.4.2 The headline results of the residents' survey were that:
- 75% strongly agree or agree with the Strategy Vision.
 - Most people strongly agree or agree with the ambitions, as follows:
 - Ambition: Housing carbon emissions will have been reduced to net zero = 54%
 - Ambition More homes and housing choice = 77%
 - Ambition: Good quality safe and comfortable homes = 85%
 - Ambition: Great neighbourhoods that people are happy to call home = 84%

- Ambition: Improving health and wellbeing through housing = 80%

1.4.3 It is notable that, while a slim majority do state their agreement with ambition relating to carbon reduction and Net Zero, this is a significantly smaller proportion than for the other ambitions. Analysis of responses to this question indicate that some respondents do not feel this ambition is achievable and / or is not the most important issue in the city. More detailed analysis of the feedback is appended to this report.

1.5 Overview of Draft Housing Strategy

1.5.1 The draft Housing Strategy attached at Appendix 1 has therefore been produced based on consultation, data, research into other comparable strategies, and Councillor feedback.

1.5.2 The draft vision is:

Everyone in Sheffield has a home that supports good health and is suitable for their needs and aspirations. We want people to have more housing choice and better access to a home which is safe, affordable and ready for a changing climate.

1.5.3 By 2034 our ambitions are:

- Ambition 1 – More homes and housing choice
- Ambition 2 – Housing carbon emissions will have been reduced to net zero by 2030.
- Ambition 3 - Safe, good quality and comfortable homes
- Ambition 4 – Great, safe neighbourhoods that people are happy to call home.
- Ambition 5. Homes and housing services that end homelessness and support healthy, independent lives.

1.5.4 We will achieve our vision by working collaboratively and innovatively. Our ambitions are interdependent and are all equally important to successfully delivering this Strategy.

1.5.5 Further detail on the ambitions, priorities, governance and delivery can be found in the full draft Strategy, appended to this report.

1.6 Next Steps

1.6.1 It is proposed that a consultation based on the attached draft strategy is launched, to gain the opinions of the public and partners across Sheffield. Consultation activities will include a city-wide survey, as well as qualitative work with residents, partners, and community groups.

1.6.2 Consultants Campbell Tickell have been procured to lead on the second phase of consultation, supported by the Strategic Housing Service. This

is to ensure there is the requisite resources and expertise to deliver a thorough and representative consultation.

1.6.3 Based on the first phase of consultation, demographically unrepresentative levels of responses were received from certain groups of residents. Therefore, additional steps will be taken in the second phase of consultation to gain a demographically representative response. This will include focused work with:

- Residents from Black, Asian and Minoritised Ethnic backgrounds
- Residents in the 19-24 and 25-34 age group.
- Residents in private sector accommodation.

1.6.4 To do this, additional contact and engagement, such as focus group work, will take place with the Race Equality Partnership, so that consultation approaches are tailored to reach our diverse communities. Alongside this, the consultation will be promoted with the city’s two Universities to extend the reach amongst the student population, which is typically a younger demographic. Finally, further promotion will take place with Acorn (the private rented tenant’s group community union) and the National Landlord Association to reach individuals in private rented accommodation.

1.6.5 Further, we recognise the importance of ensuring a geographically representative response is achieved, as while there are many housing issues that span the whole city, residents in individual areas will have their own opportunities and challenges related to that area. To do this, the second phase of consultation will be conducted with engagement with each Local Area Committee (LAC), across the July LAC cycle.

1.6.6 This second phase of consultation will take place across June and July, pending approval from Strategy and Resources Policy Committee. Analysis of the responses will take place over the remainder of July, with further edits and additions completed over August. This will result in a final draft, with the proposed final Strategy brought to Strategy and Resources Policy Committee in September 2024 for final approval.

1.6.7 An overview timeline can be found below:

Date	Task
09/01/2024 – 17/03/2024	‘Let’s Talk’ - Consultation with key Public and Partners.
16/02/2024	Vision and ambitions drafted
17/04/2024	Housing Strategy Draft – Strategy and Resources Policy Committee Briefing
30/05/2024	Strategy and Resources Policy Committee
03/06/2024 – 12/07/2024	Final Phase Consultation
19/07/2024	Final Stage Analysis complete
26/07/2024	Final Draft Complete
09/08/2024	Final Internal Sign Off

25/09/2024 (indicative date – to be confirmed)	Strategy & Resources Policy Committee Final decision
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2 HOW DOES THIS DECISION CONTRIBUTE?

2.1 The Housing Strategy will represent a strategy that, over the course of ten years, will contribute to the long-term delivery of the Council Plan. It will set out a clear statement of the city’s housing need and ambitions, to steer the Council and city-wide partners in high-level decision making on housing over the next decade. In line with delivering on the Council Plan, the Housing Strategy will benefit the policy drivers for all our work across People, Prosperity and Planet.

2.2 To produce a robust, well-evidenced Housing Strategy that responds to the needs and ambitions of Sheffield’s residents, a further second round of consultation is proposed. The attached draft Strategy has been developed with input from residents, partners, officers and elected members, and is felt to be a thorough and fair reflection of Housing priorities for the city. The next step is therefore to consult with these key stakeholders on the draft Housing Strategy, following its approval by Strategy and Resources Policy Committee. A final version will then be produced for final approval by Strategy and Resources Policy Committee

2.3 Appropriate targets and measures will be set to track overall progress of delivering on the Strategy as a whole, as well as for individual schemes, projects and workstreams. The Strategy’s progress will be owned and monitored via:

- The Council’s Housing Policy Committee
- The Sheffield Together Partnership
- The Strategic Housing Forum

2.4 Alongside this, there will be an ongoing conversation with communities, citizens, and partners in the voluntary and community sector to develop the detail of how this Strategy is delivered and to ensure it remains correctly focussed. Full details of delivery and governance arrangements can be found in the draft Housing Strategy.

3. HAS THERE BEEN ANY CONSULTATION?

3.1 A first phase of public consultation – ‘*Let’s talk about Sheffield’s housing*’ – has been completed. The resident’s survey was completed over 800 times, and further qualitative work was undertaken in the form of workshops and focused discussions with groups with protected characteristics, such as:

- Care leavers.
- People with a disability.
- Young people (aged 11-17)

- 3.2 The headline results of the consultation showed broad agreement from residents on the vision and ambitions for the strategy. The exception, as noted above, related to the net-zero ambition. The most important themes and issues for residents on the basis of this phase of consultation were:
- Addressing affordability of living in and accessing homes
 - Maintaining existing home so they are good quality and safe, including a better quality and more responsive repairs service
 - Importance of infrastructure, public transport, local services, upkeep of green areas, safety and tackling Anti-social Behaviour in successful neighbourhoods
 - Better collaboration between partners to tackle important issues such as domestic abuse.
 - Taking a more person centred, not organisation centred approach.
 - Provision of properties and support for older and disabled people
 - More regulation of the private rented sector, including landlord responsibilities and rent levels.

- 3.3 As a result of the consultation, the draft Housing Strategy attached at Appendix 1 has been produced. Additionally, the first phase of consultation has provided direct lessons for the second phase. Specifically, the first phase showed demographically unrepresentative response rates from some groups and communities, as compared to the make-up of Sheffield as a whole. Therefore, additional work will be undertaken in the second phase of consultation to reach residents who have not traditionally been heard and are under-represented in influencing strategic documents. These steps will include:
- Additional focus group work with less-well served groups and communities.
 - Additional promotion of survey work to reach a representative audience.

- 3.4 To ensure that the consultation is both thorough, independent, and representative, consultants Campbell Tickell have been procured to lead on this element of producing the Housing Strategy. This will allow sufficient resources to be devoted to the consultation, along with expertise in reaching under-represented groups.

4. RISK ANALYSIS AND IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECISION

4.1 Equality Implications

- 4.1.1 The Housing Strategy is concerned with all housing types and tenures across all areas of the city. Everyone living, or wishing to live, within Sheffield will be impacted by the direction set by the Strategy. The Council has legal requirements under the Equality Act 2010, including the Public Sector Equality Duty. This requires that public authorities must, in the exercise of their functions, have due regard to the need to:

1. eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is connected to protected characteristics and prohibited by or under this Act;
2. advance equality of opportunity between those who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not;
3. foster good relations between those who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not.

4.1.2 This Housing Strategy will focus on tackling housing inequalities and discrimination to achieve positive health and housing outcomes for our communities. It has a critical role in improving fair access across our city, ensuring there is more housing for everyone irrespective of their financial circumstances.

4.1.3 While housing is an issue that is relevant to everyone, it is recognised that some residents, due to protected characteristics, can have increased challenges and barriers relating to housing. For example:

- Residents with a disability
- Residents from Black, Asian and Minoritised Ethnic backgrounds.
- Older and younger residents.

4.1.4 Equality concerns will therefore run throughout the whole of the Strategy document, with a positive impact sought. This will, primarily, be reflected in the key aims and priorities of the Strategy. Further detail can be found in the Equalities Impact Assessment.

4.1.5 As the Housing Strategy is a high-level document, other junior strategies and actions plans key to the delivery of the Strategy, such as the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Prevention Strategy and the Older Persons Independent Living Strategy will each require their own individual Equality Impact Assessments to be completed.

4.1.6 As noted in the report equality will form a theme throughout the whole Strategy. It will be particularly important to ensure a fair and representative consultation is carried out to ensure that all residents get the chance to make their voice heard and influence the Strategy. Further targeted consultation, particularly with the above listed groups and communities, will therefore be vital. Evidence of this should be reflected in the report on the second stage consultation, and brought to committee again in September along with a final version of the Strategy.

4.2 Financial and Commercial Implications

4.2.1 There are no direct financial implications from the Housing Strategy, other than the cost of the consultants to lead on the consultation, which will be managed within existing general fund resources.

Any future investment plans will be brought forward as part of the Housing Revenue Account Business Plan, the Business Planning Process and the Council's Capital Strategy.

4.3 Legal Implications

4.3.1 There is no specific statutory duty for the Council to produce a Housing Strategy. Section 87(1) of the Local Government Act 2003 previously granted the Secretary of State the power to require local authorities to have a housing strategy and to specify what the contents of this should be. This power was never exercised by the Secretary of State in relation to England. Consequently section 29 of the Deregulation Act 2015 removed this power for all English Authorities meaning that this provision only now applies to Welsh Authorities.

4.3.2 Under section 8 of the Housing Act 1985 every local housing authority is required to consider and review on a periodic basis the housing conditions in their area along with the housing needs of the area with respect to the provision of further housing accommodation. This means that local authorities are under a duty to assess the housing needs of their population and plan strategically to meet that need. Section 3 of the Housing Act 2004 imposes a further duty on all local housing authorities to keep housing conditions in their area under review. The production of a Housing Strategy provides a mechanism through which the Council can satisfy these statutory requirements.

4.3.3 Although the statutory provisions under section 87(1) of the Local Government Act 2003 no longer apply in England the Explanatory Notes to section 87 of Local Government Act 2003 (detailed at paragraph 215) provide a useful description of what a housing strategy is:

'A local housing strategy is the local housing authority's vision for housing in its area. It sets out objectives and targets and policies on how the authority intends to manage and deliver its strategic housing role and provides an overarching framework against which the authority considers and formulates other policies on more specific housing issues.'

4.3.4 Despite there being no specific statutory requirement to produce a Housing Strategy it is considered best practice for a local authority to set out its future strategic plan for housing in a Housing Strategy and for that strategy to be developed by evidence and consultation. The Housing Strategy is one of the Council's key Cornerstone Strategies which will help to form an inclusive economic plan for the City and is a key component in developing of the Council's Strategic Framework.

- 4.3.5 There is no specific statutory requirement to consult on a draft Housing Strategy however in accordance with part 3.3 of the Constitution when taking decisions the Policy Committees must consider public engagement in informing their work. When undertaking a consultation, the Council should have due regard to the Government's Consultation Principles 2018 and case law establishing the principles of lawful consultation.

Consultation Principles

Consultation should:

- a) be clear and concise
- b) have a purpose
- c) be informative
- d) Be seen as only part of the process of engagement
- e) should last for a proportionate amount of time
- f) should be targeted
- g) should take account of the groups being consulted
- h) should be agreed before publication
- i) should facilitate scrutiny
- j) Ensure that Government responses to consultations are published in a timely manner
- k) not generally be launched during local or national election periods

The case of *R v London Borough of Brent ex parte Gunning (1985) 84 LGR 168* established the 'Gunning Principles' which defined that a consultation is only legitimate when the following four principles are met:

1. ***Proposals are still at a formative stage*** – *A final decision has not yet been made or predetermined by the decision makers.*
2. ***There is sufficient information to give 'intelligent consideration'*** – *The information provided must relate to the consultation and must be available, accessible and easily interpretable for consultees to provide an informed response.*
3. ***There is adequate time for consideration and response*** – *There must be sufficient opportunity for consultees to participate in the consultation.*
4. ***'Conscientious consideration' must be given to the consultation responses before a decision is made*** – *Decision-makers should be able to provide evidence that they took consultation responses into account.*

The Gunning principles were reinforced in 2001 by the case of *R v North and East Devon Health Authority ex parte Coughlan [2001] Q.B. 213 (16 July 1999)* which confirmed these principles applied to all consultations, and then in the supreme Court case of *R (ex parte Moseley) v London Borough of Haringey [2014] UKSC 56 LBC* which endorsed the legal standing of the 4 principles.

4.4 Climate Implications

4.4.1 Sheffield has set a target to be a net zero city and council by 2030.

4.4.2 Sheffield City Goals set out the vision of “A green and Resilient Sheffield; Where we all act urgently on the climate and environmental crisis, prepare for a changing future and prioritise the health and wellbeing of our city’s people and nature”.

4.4.3 The Sheffield City Council Plan 2024-28, set out the mission ‘Together we get things done’, with ‘Planet’ as one of three policy divers (alongside People and Prosperity), and ‘A city on the move – growing connected and sustainable’ as one of its five key outcomes.

4.4.4 The realisation of climate benefits and emission reductions is reliant on future decision-making being aligned with these key policy positions, and the Strategy sets out several priorities to achieve these.

4.4.5 Through the Strategy, the Council will work with partners to:

1. Develop a residential net zero plan for all housing in the city, setting out how we will utilise our existing resources such as the heat networks, explore energy generation opportunities and encourage installation of insulation and ventilation to best prepare homes for modern systems when the market can supply them economically.
2. Build the skills and capacity to deliver our ambition, encouraging a diverse and inclusive workforce in the sector, which reflects our local communities and fairly shares the benefits of business growth, new skills and jobs.
3. Improve understanding and awareness, promoting and supporting the opportunities to reduce carbon emissions, developing the Warm Homes Sheffield website and promotional campaigns to reach out to landlords, homeowners, tenants, and partners.
4. Prioritise vulnerable households delivering fair and inclusive decarbonisation that is led by local communities and reflects the diverse needs of our communities and neighbourhoods.
5. Support climate and flood resilience through better green infrastructure around Sheffield’s homes, protecting ecological sites and encouraging measures which supports nature, reduces the air temperatures and improves the liveability of our urban neighbourhoods including sustainable urban drainage

(SUDS), and contributing to the implementation of the Flood Protection Programme.

- 4.4.6 It is important to note that the Strategy itself is high-level and does not directly reduce emissions. Delivery will be via series of action plans that will be shaped by the vision, ambitions, and priorities set out within the strategy.
- 4.4.7 Delivery of some priorities within the strategy may lead to a moderate increased climate impact as a standalone activity, such as building more homes, however it also brings other benefits through connectivity, and benefits for the green economy. Likewise other priorities, such as development of the 'Residential Net Zero Plan', will lead to a significant reduction in emissions.
- 4.4.8 Decisions are made on specific delivery projects, and initial/full Climate Impact Assessments will be prepared on these as appropriate.

4.5 Other Implications
N/A

5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 *Do not develop a Housing Strategy:*
The development of a Housing Strategy is not a statutory duty. The Council is not, therefore required to produce one, and other strategies, such as Homelessness Prevention and Rough Sleeping Strategy, are produced to consider specific issues. However, this option was rejected, on the grounds that a long-term, strategic document is seen as critical to guide planning, development/investment and policy over the next decade and this is a cornerstone strategy for the city. A Housing Strategy is produced by Local Authorities in comparable cities to set their strategic vision and ambition for Housing. The approach to not develop a Housing Strategy is therefore **Not recommended**.

6. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 It is recommended that the Strategy and Resources Policy Committee:
 - 1. Consider and endorse the draft Housing Strategy, as set out in Appendix 1.
 - 2. Approve the launch of a second phase of public consultation on the draft Housing Strategy.

3. Agree that the outcome of the consultation on the draft Housing Strategy will be presented back to the September 2024 Strategy and Resources Policy Committee.
 4. Agree that a final draft of the Housing Strategy will be presented to the September 2024 Strategy and Resources Policy Committee for consideration and approval.
- 6.2 It is not a legal or statutory requirement to have a Housing Strategy and therefore there is no legal requirement for the Council to carry out consultation. However, the Council cannot deliver the Housing Strategy on its own and, as a Council, we are committed to working with residents and partners across the city to develop strategies that effectively meet the needs of our communities and sets the Sheffield's strategic ambition for Housing.
- 6.3 Approval to launch the second phase of consultation on the draft text of the Strategy will allow for this vital engagement with residents, partners and community groups across the city, and timely completion of the project to deliver the new Strategy.