

PORTFOLIO HOLDER/LEAD MEMBER UPDATE SUMMARY

PORTFOLIO:¹

Housing and Community Safety

CABINET DATE:²

7 October 2021

KEY ACTIVITIES SINCE
THE LAST REPORT:³

- Work to develop an overarching Housing Strategy for Dorset is under way. Part of the purpose is to develop a strong and compelling direction for Housing in Dorset, fitting effectively with the aspirations set out in the Council's Plan and transforming the approach.
- We've made strong and sound progress over the past year introducing excellent strategies to prevent and tackle homelessness and rough sleeping and policies to allocate social housing to those who need it. The next step is to bring together all of our work as a Housing Authority into one overarching Strategy – tackling housing standards, services, housing need and the supply of new homes as part of the range.
- We are completing a process to introduce our new Housing Allocations Policy, with all people waiting for social housing needing to re-register. A new system has been introduced, being very user friendly and easy to access.
- We are continuing with the appeal to landlords and property owners to offer homes for the recently launched Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy. These are in addition to the social rented homes we use for people on our Housing Register. We have our first four-bedroom home coming

¹ Enter the portfolio area

² Insert the date of the Cabinet meeting to which this summary update is to be reported

³ Provide brief details of the meetings attended, key activities or project milestones completed since the last report

The DELEGATED
DECISIONS MADE:⁴

None

ANTICIPATED
ACTIVITIES/MILESTONES
FOR NEXT PERIOD:⁵

- forward in November, and this will be offered to an Afghan family and supported through the scheme.
- We have moved to holding monthly meetings of the Community Safety Partnership, from quarterly. This is a reflection of the growing profile of the activity across the Partnership, including the implementation of the new requirements of the Domestic Abuse Act, but addressing a wide range of community safety priorities.

- Ongoing work to develop the Housing Strategy and delivery plan – drawing in other Portfolio Holders and Lead Members to make this fit well across the range of the Council's Plan and associated strategies.

⁴ Enter details of any delegated decisions made since the last meeting

⁵ Provide details of key activities, project milestones or significant meetings anticipated in the next period