

## LINCOLNSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Open Report on behalf of the Housing, Health and Care Delivery Group

Report to	<b>Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board</b>
Date:	<b>25 September 2018</b>
Subject:	<b>Social Housing Green Paper Consultation</b>

### Summary:

The government published its vision for social housing in the Social Housing Green Paper on 14 August 2018. The consultation outlines the government's proposals for addressing some of the issues raised by social housing tenants during a series of reviews after the Grenfell Tower tragedy.

This report briefly sets out the key consultation points seeking to raise awareness of the Green Paper and asks the Board to consider whether the Housing, Health and Care Delivery Group (HHCDG) should be tasked with drafting a response to the consultation on behalf of the Board. The next meeting of the HHCDG is on 16 October and the deadline for responding is 6 November 2018.

### Actions Required:

The Board is asked to consider if it wishes to respond to the Social Housing Green Paper consultation by formally tasking the Housing Health and Care Delivery Group with drafting a response. Final approval of the response will be made by the Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board, in conjunction with the Chairman of the Housing Health and Care Delivery Group, prior to submission by 6 November 2018 deadline.

### 1. Background

Following the Grenfell Tower tragedy a number of wide ranging reviews have been and are being undertaken nationally and locally to identify issues that need to be addressed in order to learn the lessons and minimise the risks of such an incident re-occurring. The tragedy has also raised other issues; in particular, it has put a spotlight on the policy, structure, provision and management of social housing.

This green paper sets out the government's vision for social housing and is issued alongside separate but connected consultations on proposed changes to the rules about using right to buy receipts and evidence in relation to the regulation of social housing.

The social housing vision focuses on five principles:

- A safe and decent home for residents;
- Improving and speeding up how complaints are resolved;
- Empowering residents and ensuring that their voices are heard so that landlords are held to account;
- Tackling stigma and celebrating thriving communities; and
- Building the social homes we need and ensuring that those homes are a springboard to home ownership

Housing has been identified as one of the key priorities in the new Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy, the Board is therefore asked to consider if it wishes to formally respond to the consultation. The Housing, Health and Care Delivery Group are meeting on 16 October 2018 and can be tasked with drafting a response on behalf of the Board. The final Board response will be approved by Cllr Woolley, in conjunction with Cllr Bowkett, prior to submission by the 6 November 2018 deadline.

Individual organisations on the Board and HHCDG retain their right to also submit their own response to the consultation.

## **2. Conclusion**

In Lincolnshire there is a growing recognition that the push to build houses to address the housing crisis is in danger of being about numbers of new homes at the expense of the quality of those homes and of the community environment in which they are built and the accessibility of appropriate services. It is therefore important that Lincolnshire's response covers not only the very specific proposals within the consultation document, but that it also provides examples of proposals that help to address the linkages with health and wellbeing, quality of the community environment and access to services.

The Green Paper could do more to recognise that social housing provision for those with additional needs and vulnerabilities requires specific planning, delivery and management to create better usage of limited resources within both housing and health and care related services.

This consultation is a good opportunity to demonstrate in a joint response, the linkages between housing, health and care services and a further opportunity to demonstrate that Lincolnshire is making those connections and planning accordingly.

## **3. Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy**

The County Council and Clinical Commissioning Groups must have regard to the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

The JSNA and JHWS for Lincolnshire both recognise the importance of housing provision and conditions. Given the ambition in Lincolnshire to deliver 100,000 new homes, expanding and creating new communities, we need to ensure that these homes
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and others deliver the priorities of the housing and health agendas in a co-ordinated way. A Memorandum of Understanding is due to be signed shortly to underpin a work programme that will deliver the housing priority of the JHWS. The response to the consultation paper therefore is an opportunity to reflect and demonstrate this.

#### **4. Consultation**

Attached at Appendix A is the Local Government Association (LGA) briefing on the Social Housing Green Paper. This provides a good summary of the key messages and challenges that emerge from it.

#### **5. Appendices**

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Social Housing Green paper – Local Government Association briefing 15 August 2018

#### **6. Background Papers**

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were use in the preparation of this report.

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