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1.0 Recommendations

1.1 That Members note the report.

2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 To advise Members of how the Housing Investment Programme (HIP) was drawn up in 2002 and to consider outcomes for customers.

3.0 Detail

3.1 Each year the Council has to submit its HIP by 31 July.

3.2 The HIP comprises the Housing Strategy and statistical returns and the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Business Plan. Copies of these documents were circulated to all Members for the 15 August 2002 Council meeting.

3.3 This year the Council has concentrated on improving performance in its HIP. This has included:-

- Developing the Housing Strategy and HRA Business Plan in a more inclusive way. This comprised working with a wide range of housing partners in June 2002 to develop the priorities for the Housing Strategy and developing the HRA Business Plan through the HRA Business Planning Group which includes Members, Tenants representatives and Officers
- Commissioning a Housing Markets and Needs study to inform the priorities within the Housing Strategy

- Involving tenants in the consideration of future housing options through the HRA Business Planning Group
- Presenting the Housing Strategy in a more visual and customer focussed style

Outcomes for Customers

- 3.4 The Housing Strategy is by its nature a long-term strategic document, which will influence the provision of housing across the district into the future. The current strategy has been drawn up so that it better reflects customer's future needs and aspirations. It is intended that the strategy will continue to be developed in way, which involves a range of stakeholders so that this customer focus is improved.
- 3.5 The HRA Business Plan maps out how the landlord business will be managed into the future and set clear objectives for the service which will result in improved services for tenants.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 None.