HOUSING STRATEGY ACTION PLAN – PROGRESS REPORT

1 SUMMARY

1.1 To consider the progress being made in the implementation of the Housing Strategy 2004-2007.

2 ACTION PLAN

2.1 The Housing Strategy for the District, which was approved as 'fit for purpose' in February 2005, contains a commitment to regular monitoring and updating, and it is proposed that progress is reported twice a year. The strategy itself will need to be updated annually to ensure that it remains relevant and up to date. For example, the next update in Spring 2006 will need to include information on the results of the recent Housing Needs Study and also the progress that is being made towards the tenants' ballot on stock transfer.

2.2 The action plan from the strategy is appended with updates/progress to date reported in the final "progress" column.

3 RISK IMPLICATIONS

3.1 It is important that resources are directed towards meeting the greatest housing needs. The priorities were agreed by the Council during the drafting of the strategy.

3.2 Risks associated with the implementation of specific projects are evaluated as part of the project planning process. In some cases, such as the development of social housing schemes by housing associations, the risks are borne by those organisations.

4 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The resources available to implement the action plan are detailed in the plan, so far as they form part of the Councils' approved revenue budget, capital programme or staffing resource.

4.2 When the Strategy is updated in 2006, revised figures will be included to reflect the approved budget/Capital Programme for 2006/07.

5 RECOMMENDATION

5.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**

To consider the progress being made in implementing the Housing Strategy 2004-2007.

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Background Papers:-

Rochford Housing Strategy 2004-2007

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