

## **CABINET- 28 MARCH 2023**

### **CABINET RESPONSE TO: A HOUSING, ACCOMMODATION AND HOMES STRATEGY FOR SURREY (CHILDREN, FAMILIES, LIFELONG LEARNING SELECT COMMITTEE)**

#### **Resolved:**

Key worker housing is included as a deliverable in the Cabinet report *A Housing, Accommodation and Homes Strategy for Surrey* for decision in March 2023. (Lead Member: Cabinet Member for Children and Families)

#### **Liz Bowes**

**Chairman - Children, Families, Lifelong Learning Select Committee**

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#### **Cabinet Response:**

This recommendation of the Children, Families, Lifelong Learning Select Committee is warmly welcomed, and I am pleased to say, fully reflected in the Housing, Accommodation and Homes for Surrey.

One of the primary drivers of the initiation by the County Council of the strategy was the recognition, based on representation from both the private and public sectors, of the important role that affordable, social-rented, and key and essential worker housing play in the success of Surrey's economy and the sustainability of high-quality public services.

The comprehensive baseline assessment of the Surrey housing eco-system undertaken by Inner Circle Consulting and conclusion that there is a crisis that needs addressing, highlighted the importance of key and essential worker housing and the particular challenge faced in Surrey in ensuring adequate delivery and provision.

The 'Call to Government' and 'Call to Action' set out in the strategy itself feature keyworker, affordable and social-rented housing as priorities for delivery and suggest action that can and should be taken to address this.

In accordance with the CEH Select Committee recommendations, a set of metrics and measures against which progress with the strategy can be assessed has been developed, which includes key worker housing provision. These have been posted on Surrey-i, alongside the baseline assessment.

#### **Sinead Mooney**

**Cabinet Member for Children and Families**

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