



Meeting of the City Council

1 April 2015

Report title	Wolverhampton Homes Annual Delivery Plan 2015-16	
Referring body	Cabinet – 11 March 2015	
Councillor to present report	Cllr Peter Bilson Economic Regeneration and Prosperity	
Wards affected	All	
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Report to be/has been considered by	Cabinet	11 March 2015

Recommendation(s) for action or decision:

The Council is recommended to:

Approve the Wolverhampton Homes Annual Delivery Plan 2015-16.

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider a recommendation from Cabinet on 11 March 2015. 'that Full Council adopts the Wolverhampton Homes Annual Delivery Plan 2015-16'. A copy of the Annual Delivery Plan can be accessed online on the Council's website by following the link:

<http://wolverhampton.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=130&MId=202&Ver=4>

Hard copies of the Annual Delivery Plan have also been placed in the Members' Room area.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 Under the terms of the management agreement between the Council and Wolverhampton Homes, the latter has to produce an Annual Delivery Plan. The plan as developed in consultation with the Council sets out:
- How Wolverhampton Homes will manage and maintain council owned properties for the financial year 2015-16.
 - The revenue, capital and staffing resources available to deliver the above services.
 - Wolverhampton Homes' contribution to meeting the wider strategic objectives of the Council and the Local Strategic Partnership.
- 2.2 The management agreement also requires that the final version of the Annual Delivery Plan is considered and endorsed by the Delivery Plan Monitoring Group. This group is chaired by the Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Prosperity and its membership drawn from senior employees and Board members of Wolverhampton Homes and the Council, together with representatives of the Wolverhampton Federation of Tenants Associations.
- 2.3 The Delivery Plan Monitoring Group receives quarterly reports from Wolverhampton Homes on the progress against the Annual Delivery Plan, enabling the group to monitor the outcomes against the activities detailed in the Action Plan (Appendix 2 of Delivery Plan) and the Key Performance Targets detailed (Appendix 3 of the Delivery Plan).
- 2.4 Wolverhampton Homes progress towards achieving performance indicator targets (Appendix 3 of the Delivery Plan) are also monitored monthly or quarterly, as appropriate, at joint performance monitoring meetings between Council employees and officers from Wolverhampton Homes.
- ## **3.0 Annual Delivery Plan 2015-16**
- 3.1 The contents of the Annual Delivery Plan 2015-16 have been negotiated between Wolverhampton Homes and Council employees over the past three months. The Council's input was led by the Housing Strategy and Development Team and Finance.

- 3.2 At the meeting of the Delivery Plan Monitoring Group on 12 February 2015 the group endorsed the Annual Delivery Plan recommending it to the Council and the Board of Wolverhampton Homes for their acceptance. The Annual Delivery Plan must be accepted by both organisations before the end of March 2015 to allow implementation on 1 April 2015.
- 3.3 The Annual Delivery Plan sets out how Wolverhampton Homes proposes to deliver services and support the strategic objectives of the Council.
- The Financial Plan section details the allowances and other income within which expenditure on the delivery of the Plan must be achieved and contained.
 - The Human Resource section sets out the on-going need for Wolverhampton Homes to continue to realign resources to address Welfare Reform challenges, in particular the potential roll out of Universal Credit and the specific need to focus on income recovery as a result.
- 3.4 Appendix 1 of the Annual Delivery Plan shows the Performance Review Arrangements which are reviewed annually as part of the Delivery Plan negotiations.
- 3.5 The Priorities Action Plan Appendix 2 details how the aims and objectives of the delivery plan will be achieved.
- 3.6 The Delivery Plan contains the performance indicator targets agreed between the Council and Wolverhampton Homes for 2015-16 in Appendix 3.
- 3.7 The ongoing development of the City housing offer, which is subject to a separate report on this agenda, will also include consideration of how plans such as this can continue to contribute to improving housing across the City.

4.0 Financial implications

- 4.1 The financial implications of the Annual Delivery Plan 2015-16 are set out on pages 12 to 15 of the plan. The Annual Delivery Plan is consistent with the approved Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Business Plan.
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5.0 Legal implications

- 5.1 The Annual Delivery Plan forms part of the contractual management agreement between Wolverhampton City Council and Wolverhampton Homes.
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6.0 Equalities implications

- 6.1 This report has equality implications in that the delivery of services via the Wolverhampton Homes Delivery Plan will provide housing management services and improvements for residents living in the social housing stock in the City, many of which are situated within the priority areas.

7.0 Environmental implications

- 7.1 There are no direct environmental implications from this report, however, the delivery of the Decent Homes programme and other estate and property based programmes will contribute to the improvement of living conditions, enhance the visual appearance of neighbourhoods and investment in the housing stock will contribute towards reducing carbon emissions.

8.0 Human resources implications

- 8.1 There are no direct human resources implications emanating from the Annual Delivery Plan for the Council. The monitoring of the plan will be carried out by Housing Services within current staffing resources. Section 4 of the annual Delivery Plan sets out in detail the human resources implications and the need for organisational change within Wolverhampton Homes in 2015-16.

9.0 Corporate landlord implications

- 9.1 This report deals exclusively with the Council's housing stock and therefore has no direct Corporate Landlord implications.

10.0 Schedule of background papers

- 10.1 Wolverhampton Homes Annual Delivery Plan 2015 -16