



Subject:	Belfast City Council response to the Housing Executive's Draft Older People's Housing Strategy 2020/21 – 2025/26
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After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some time in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the submission of a corporate response to the Northern Ireland Housing Executive's (NIHE) draft Older People's Housing Strategy 2020/21- 2025/25 (Appendix 1).
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is, therefore, asked to: a) note the content of the corporate response to the NIHE draft Older People's Housing Strategy 2020/21 – 2025/26 (Appendix 2); b) Approve the submission of the corporate response to NIHE, if approval granted by SP&R on 18 September 2020, it will be submitted on a holding basis subject to approval by Council, to meet the submission deadline of 25 September 2020.

3.0	Main report
3.1	In February, the Housing Executive’s Board approved the draft Older People’s Housing Strategy 2020/21 – 2025/26. Subsequently the Housing Executive have undertaken an external consultation exercise to seek feedback on the strategic direction the organisation has set out in the document.
3.2	The Strategy strongly supports the NIHE commitment to continue to work with existing partners and stakeholders to maximise and complement our contribution to improving housing related services for older people. This includes statutory and voluntary organisations, health and social care trusts, local councils and community planning partners.
3.3	<p>The NIHE requested that responses provided focus in particular on the four strategic themes set out in the strategy and the accompanying high level action plans. The four high level themes are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Planning for the future; 2. Promoting and maintaining people’s dignity; 3. Providing housing advice for older people; and 4. Promoting participation
3.4	The corporate response follows the structure of the draft strategy issued by the NIHE. This response encompasses input from colleagues in City and Neighbourhood Services, Place and Economy, Civic and Legal Services and Resilience. It also reflects input from the Healthy Ageing Strategic Partnership and members of the All Party Older People’s Group.
3.5	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>
3.6	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	<p>Appendix 1 – Draft Older People’s Housing Strategy 2020/21 – 2025/26</p> <p>Appendix 2 – Corporate response to Older People’s Housing Strategy 2020/21 – 2025/26</p>