

ITEM 9 – SOUTH EAST SCOTLAND HOUSING NEED AND DEMAND ASSESSMENT 3 (HNDA3)

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Purpose

This report updates the SESplan Joint Committee on a project to develop the third Housing Need and Demand Assessment for South East Scotland which will provide the evidence base for local housing strategies.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the SESplan Joint Committee:

1. Notes the progress of the project to develop the third Housing Need and Demand Assessment for South-East Scotland.
2. Notes the key project workstreams and consultations currently being carried out with the Housing Market Partnership.

Resource Implications

The project is being supported by representatives from six local authorities and no additional resource implications have been identified at this time.

Legal and Risk Implications

The Housing (Scotland) Act 2001 requires the development of housing need and demand assessment following statutory guidance. There are no legal or risk implications arising from this report.

Policy and Impact Assessment

An assessment is not required as no plan, programme or strategy is proposed.

1. Background

- 1.1 The third South-East Scotland HNDA3 for the period 2022-27 is being prepared on behalf of the City of Edinburgh, East Lothian, Midlothian, West Lothian, Fife and Scottish Borders Councils. The HNDA3 will provide the evidence base for policy decisions in Local Housing Strategies and land allocation decisions in Local Development Plans.
- 1.2 HNDA3 will deliver 4 core outputs and 6 core processes outlined in the Scottish Government guidance of 2018 for Housing Need and Demand Assessment. Following submission, the Scottish Government will determine whether the HNDA3 is 'robust and credible', meaning that the approach used should not be subject to any further challenge.
- 1.3 Progress of HNDA3 will be supported the City Region Deal Housing Board, engaging with the City Region Deal Housing Partners, the SESPlan Board, the Housing Market Partnership and other interested stakeholders. Heads of Housing and Planning in each LA are required to agree the final HNDA3 before submission to the Scottish Government.

2. Project Progress

- 2.1 The project was initiated at the start of June 2020 with the SES HNDA3 PID being circulated to relevant organisations and stakeholders. This outlined the statutory requirements for a HNDA, purpose, core outputs, key stages, timescales, project structure, membership and governance arrangements. Consultation has now been concluded and any feedback has been incorporated into the finalised PID statement.
- 2.2 A HNDA3 Project Team has been established with representatives from each of the South-East Scotland local authorities, including a mix of housing / planning staff. A draft project plan, action plan and risk log have been provided. The project has been separated into individual workstreams with volunteer leads now identified against most strands of activity. Where appropriate, sub-groups are developing to share the workload and develop broader understanding of the HNDA process.
- 2.3 The draft project plan identifies the key stages in the development of the project and broad timescales for concluding individual aspects of HNDA3. While there is likely to be some change in the timescales as the project progresses, the planned workstreams are:

Workstream	Timescale
Methodology statement	Aug 2020
Consultation and participation proposal	Aug 2020
Housing stock profile	Nov 2020
Current housing need	Nov 2020
Housing Market Area Assessment	Dec 2020
Scenarios / demographic current & future	Dec 2020
Scenarios / affordability current & future	Dec 2020
Scenarios / economy current & future	Dec 2020
Specialist housing templates - accessible & adapted; wheelchair; non-	Dec 2020

permanent; supported; care & support services; site provision	
HNDA3 report	Jul 2021
HNDA consultation & participation report	Aug 2021

3.1 Consultation

3.1 The Housing Market Partnership and appropriate stakeholders require to be consulted throughout the production of the HNDA3, with their views considered in key project decisions. The final HNDA will detail all consultation, feedback and action taken. Stakeholders are likely to include a mix of housing interests e.g. developers, RSLs, tenant organisations, specialist housing providers, etc. Local authority and other City Deal networks will be used to ensure broad consultation and participation. A webpage has been set up on the City Deal website for publishing HNDA3 documents and a generic email has been established to manage consultation responses.

3.2 Two documents are currently out for consultation with the Housing Market Partnership until the 12th September 2020 and are available to access through the HNDA3 webpages:

- South-East Scotland: Housing Need and Demand Assessment 3 (HNDA3), Draft Methodology Statement.
- South-East Scotland: Housing Need and Demand Assessment 3 (HNDA3), Draft Housing Market Partnership Consultation and Participation Statement.

4. Conclusion

4.1 This report updates the SESplan Joint Committee on a project to develop the third Housing Need and Demand Assessment for South East Scotland which will provide the evidence based for local housing strategies.

Further Information

South-East Scotland HNDA3 Weblink <http://esescityregiondeal.org.uk/sesplan-hnda-3>

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