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<b>Report Title</b>	Housing Contribution Statement
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<b>Consultation Checklist Completed</b>	Yes
<b>Directions Required</b>	No
<b>Exempt</b>	No
<b>Appendices</b>	A – Draft Housing Contribution Statement B - Draft Local Housing Strategy
<b>Terms of Reference</b>	8 - The approval or amendment of the Strategic Plan and on-going monitoring of its delivery through the Annual Performance Report

### 1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to present to the Integration Joint Board (IJB) the first draft of the Housing Contribution Statement (HCS) and Local Housing Strategy (LHS).

### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1. It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board:

- a) Notes the content of both the draft Housing Contribution Statement and draft Local Housing Strategy and the links between these and the IJB Strategic Plan



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- b) Notes that the final Housing Contribution Statement will be informed by feedback from the consultation on both the IJB Strategic Plan and the Local Housing Strategy, and
- c) Instructs the Chief Officer to update the draft Housing Contribution Statement following feedback and comments received from the consultation on both the IJB Strategic Plan and the Local housing Strategy and present the proposed final version to the IJB meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025 for approval.

### 3. Strategic Plan Context

- 3.1. The statutory guidance on Health and Social Care Strategic Plans states that these should ensure correlation with other local policy directions including the Local Housing Strategy. There is a specific requirement that the Strategic Plan should contain a Housing Contribution Statement.

### 4. Summary of Key Information

- 4.1. The Local Housing Strategy is a Local Authority's strategic document for housing and housing services. The Housing (Scotland) Act 2001 sets out the strategic responsibilities of Local Authorities to assess housing needs, demand and condition, (including for specialist housing and housing related services) and to assess the level of homelessness and produce a homelessness strategy. The Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 also introduced a requirement for a Local Authority to include as part of their LHS a strategy detailing a Scheme of Assistance – for improving the condition of houses. This Scheme of Assistance outlines how a Local Authority will help people living in private sector housing (home ownership or private renting) to repair and maintain their homes as well as adapt them to meet their needs (i.e. adaptations services).
- 4.2. Housing Contribution Statements (HCS) were introduced in 2013. They provided an initial link between the strategic planning process in housing at a local level and that of health and social care, setting out the arrangements for carrying out the housing functions delegated to the Integration Authority and providing an overarching strategic statement of how the Integration Authority intends to work with housing services, whether delegated to it or not, to deliver its outcomes. The Scottish Government published updated LHS Guidance in 2019 which, among other things, includes a specific focus on specialist housing and independent living, including the role of housing in health and social care integration. It emphasises the need for strategic planners in both the Local Authority housing and planning functions to



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engage with health and social care planners to share evidence, identify needs and plan solutions for those with 'specialist' needs.

**4.3.** The draft Housing Contribution Statement contained at Appendix A details the local context in Aberdeen City, what strategic housing related documents have been published and which housing functions have been delegated to the IJB. It also confirms the IJB's commitment to collaboration with Aberdeen City Council's Housing Service to ensure that services to the public are strategically coordinated to achieve joined up, person centred approaches and improve health and wellbeing outcomes for the people of Aberdeen. It goes on to detail the arrangements we have in place to ensure that collaboration happens and describes the shared evidence base and housing related challenges in Aberdeen City.

**4.4.** The draft Local Housing Strategy contained at Appendix B is due to be presented to the Communities, Housing and Public Protection Committee on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025 for approval to go out for public consultation. Should it be approved this is one of the strategies that will form part of the joint consultation process which also includes the IJB Strategic Plan. The LHS contains the following priorities: -

- Adequate supply of housing, including affordable housing.
- Placemaking with communities
- Make homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring
- Promote independent living in communities
- Promote health through housing
- Improve housing quality and energy efficiency
- Support a well-managed private rented sector

All of these priorities will help support the IJB strategic vision to empower communities to achieve fulfilling, healthy lives.

**4.5.** There is no requirement to consult on the Housing Contribution Statement itself. Feedback from the consultation on both the Local Housing Strategy and the IJB Strategic Plan will be used to inform the final version of the Housing Contribution Statement which will then be published and linked to both the Local Housing Strategy and the IJB Strategic Plan.



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### 5. Implications for IJB

#### 5.1. Equalities, Fairer Scotland and Health Inequality

An Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) is not required for the Housing Contribution Statement itself as it is a statement of the arrangements between the IJB and ACC Housing in terms of joint working. Both the IJB Strategic plan and the Local Housing Strategy will be subject to IIAs which will be submitted with the final drafts for approval and published thereafter.

#### 5.2. Financial

The Housing Contribution Statement will be delivered within existing budgets.

#### 5.3. Workforce

The Housing Contribution Statement will be delivered by existing workforce.

#### 5.4. Legal

There is 'Housing services and integrated health and social care: Housing Advice Note' Statutory Guidance which states that the IJB must put in place a Housing Contribution Statement as part of the Strategic Plan.

#### 5.5. Unpaid Carers

The housing arrangements of a cared for person will impact on their unpaid carer. As such we will ensure that the Local Housing Strategy, the IJB Strategic Plan and the Housing Contribution Statement are shared with Carers Reference Groups to ensure their views are taken into account for the final versions.

#### 5.6. Information Governance

There are no direct information governance implications arising from the recommendations of this report

#### 5.7. Environmental Impacts

There are no direct environmental implications arising from the recommendations of this report.



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### 5.8. Sustainability

There are no direct sustainability implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

### 5.9. Other

There are no other direct implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

## 6. Management of Risk

### 6.1. Identified risks(s)

The 'Housing services and integrated health and social care: Housing Advice Note' Statutory Guidance states that Integration Authorities' Strategic Plans must include a Housing Contribution Statement. There is a risk that if we do not publish a Housing Contribution Statement we will breach our statutory obligation.

### 6.2. Link to risks on strategic or operational risk register:

There is no specific risk in relation to housing but the Housing contribution Statement could be linked to Strategic Risk 4: -

Cause: Performance standards/outcomes are set by national and regulatory bodies and those locally-determined performance standards are set by the board itself.

Event: There is a risk that the IJB, and the services that it directs and has operational oversight of, fails to meet the national, regulatory and local standards.

Consequence: This may result in harm or risk of harm to people. development and delivery of the ACHSCP Strategic Plan 2025-2029 is linked to and impacted by all the risks currently on the Strategic Risk Register as referenced in the Strategic Plan Evidence Document.

### 6.3 How might the content of this report impact or mitigate the known risks:

By developing and publishing a housing Contribution Statement we are meeting our statutory obligation and ensuring the collaborative arrangements between ACC housing and the IJB continue to ensure outcomes for the people of Aberdeen are improved.