

East Herts Housing and Health Strategy 2016 – 21

Progress against Housing Strategy Objectives, Actions and Targets –May 2017

Actions Completed and Closed during 2016/17.

- Utilise and disseminate the information to partners contained within the Housing Needs Survey by September 2016.
- *Action achieved.*

- For the Council to be involved in a multi-agency working group being set up to develop a rogue landlord project for participating Herts Authorities subject to confirmation of funding.
- *Project funding not successful and instead the Safe and Well Project will be rolled out during 2017/18.*

- To develop and publish a Statement of Principles for imposing penalty charges for breaches of the Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarm Regulations by July 2016.
- *Action not completed. Paper due to be submitted for Member approval.*

- To provide a checklist of key housing hazards suitable for referrals by health and care professionals for housing assessment.
- *Provided to Hertfordshire County Council's Occupational Therapists and Housing Quality Group.*

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	Objective	Key action to meet objective	Target deadline / ongoing work
	Strategic Objective 1		
1.1	Achieve the right mix, tenure and proportion of affordable housing on new developments based on need.	a)To deliver the new affordable housing policy as set out in the Draft District Plan.	<p>200 units of affordable housing has been delivered in 2016/17 in the District.</p> <p>The Affordable Housing Policy is ongoing throughout the Examination of the Draft District Plan</p>
1.2	Maximise funding opportunities for the delivery of new affordable housing.	<p>a)To continue to work with Registered Provider partners to find opportunities to support affordable housing developments</p> <p>b)To bid for Government grants which become available such as the Accelerated Housing Fund and the Community Housing Fund.</p>	<p>The Council has worked in partnership with Network Homes and has provided grant funding for the Ridgeway Scheme, Hertford and Gladstone Road, Ware.</p> <p>The Council will continue to work with partners to fund affordable housing schemes by March 2018.</p> <p>The Council bid for funding from DCLG in 2016/17. The Council has been successful with funding for the Community Housing Fund and is awaiting the outcome for the Accelerated Housing Fund.</p>
1.3	Raise standards in the private	a)For the Council to work	Being developed, according to

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	sector, particularly in Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs)	with HCC on the Eco Homes Project and to focus on poor thermal housing improvements.	HCC/District project timetable
		b)To commission and facilitate a stock modelling survey and provide key health data to the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment. An interim report is expected in April with additional information on EPCs to be provided at a later date once available.	April 2017. EPCs became available end March 2017. Interim report produced. EPCs being integrated April/May 2017. Health Impact Assessment data due shortly after, Likely to provide to HCC for JSNA by end June 2017
		c)To inspect and initiate action in at least 10 HMOs per year and is monitored in the Housing and Health Service Plan as SPI 2.16	March 2018. 9 achieved in 2016/17 and a further 8 brought up to standard within that period.
		d)To review the Housing Enforcement Policy in the light of the Deregulation Act restrictions on retaliatory eviction, by June 2017. Awaiting guidance from	June 2017, subject to guidance being provided

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		Government.	
	Strategic Objective 2		
2.1	To work with the County Council and Registered Providers to identify opportunities within the district for flexi-care schemes.	<p>a)The Draft District Plan contains policies on Older and Vulnerable People going forward.</p> <p>HCC is setting up Local Accommodation Boards to look at provision in the District.</p>	<p>The Council has held a joint meeting with HCC to set up a Local Accommodation Board to look at the needs of Older and Vulnerable People in the District.</p> <p>March 2018.</p>
		b)To prepare a database of older persons scheme information for the provision in the District and have an information booklet..	July 2017 for the new East Herts website.
2.2	To work with the Dementia Friendly Programme to mainstream the principles into East Herts accommodation.	a)To work with Registered Provider partners to implement the Dementia Friendly Programme in their organisations.	March 2018.
2.3	To undertake a strategic review with partners of all Older Persons accommodation in the District.	a)To support Planning Policy in looking at the implications of an older population in the District and the impact on	District Plan has been submitted for Examination.

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		type, tenure and location of housing requirements through the Local Plan process by Spring 2016.	
2.4	To participate in the countywide review of housing adaptations to support independent living.	a)To continue to support Crossroads Care to develop and deliver the Dementia Friendly Homes project to 200 residents, and to evaluate the scheme.	Two year project funding ends end June 2017. Additional funding being sought to enable it to continue.
		b)To continue to participate in the countywide review of housing adaptations services, in accordance with the project plan and timetable.	In accordance with the project timetable for the introduction of a Home Improvement Agency.
	Strategic Objective 3		
3.1	To work with the Accommodation Boards to undertake a strategic review of Vulnerable Peoples Needs in the District.	a)To review the referral and move-on processes with the young person's project at Rose Court and the YMCA to ensure it is working effectively by July 2016. b)HCC is setting up Local	July 2017 The Council has held a joint meeting with HCC to set up a Local Accommodation Board to look at the

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		Accommodation Boards to look at provision in the District.	needs of Older and Vulnerable People in the District.
3.2	To ensure that our Temporary Accommodation offer is fit for purpose.	a)Undertake a review of temporary accommodation provision in the District .	December 2017
3.3	To seek to work with the County Council to develop effective partnerships for appropriately assessing and addressing housing impacts on wellbeing.	a)To publish a fees policy for relevant protected caravan sites by December 2016.	Due to other operational priorities this action has not been completed. It is hoped to complete this by December 2017, subject to key vacancies being filled.
		b)To provide a checklist of key housing hazards suitable for referrals by health and care professionals for housing assessment.	Provided to HCC's Occupational Therapists, and Housing Quality Group. The next steps are to monitor its implementation and impact.
	Strategic Objective 4		
4.1	To work with Parishes to identify local housing needs through Neighbourhood Plans and Parish Housing Needs Surveys.	a)To engage with a Parish on carrying out at least one Parish Housing Needs Survey by December 2017.	The Council has supported the CDA for Herts in working with Rural Parishes. This partnership working is continuing during 2017/18.
4.2	To ensure that any potential Exception Sites are delivered in	a)To provide information as requested to aid with	December 2017.

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	partnership with all interested stakeholders.	Neighbourhood Planning as an ongoing initiative. b)To work with Neighbouring Authorities in delivering the Community Housing Fund to explore opportunities for community led housing and self-build in the District.	The Council has been successful in securing funding from the Community Housing Fund and is working with Neighbouring Authorities to deliver a project focusing on community led housing and self-build.