

East Herts Housing and Health Strategy 2016 – 21

Progress against Housing Strategy Objectives, Actions and Targets –May 2018

Actions Completed and Closed during 2017/18.

Objective 1

- To bid for Government grants which become available such as the Accelerated Housing Fund and the Community Housing Fund.

The Council bid for funding from DCLG in 2016/17. The Council has been successful with funding for the Community Housing Fund and was unsuccessful for the Accelerated Housing Fund.

- To commission and facilitate a stock modelling survey for private stock 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.

Sept 17 - Final report now available. EPC data now being reviewed for JSNA. Health Impact Assessment received.

Objective 2

- 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. Draft for website completed and will be online in October 2017.

Objective 3

-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.

Sept 17 – Complete; East Herts YMCA purchased by B1 YMCA. New nominations agreement to be drafted.

	Objective	Key action to meet objective	Target deadline / ongoing work as at May 2018
	Strategic Objective 1		
1.1	Achieve the right mix, tenure and proportion of affordable housing on new developments based on need.	<p>a)To deliver the new affordable housing policy as set out in the Draft District Plan.</p> <p>The target for 2017/18 is 125 units of new affordable housing</p>	<p>The Affordable Housing Policy is ongoing throughout the Examination of the Draft District Plan</p> <p>Prepare and consult on Supplementary Planning Guidance for Affordable Housing. Draft document by spring 2018</p> <p>Apr 18 -162 affordable housing units delivered 2017/18</p> <p>Draft SPD delivered to go out to consultation early 2018/19</p>

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			The Affordable Housing Policy will be confirmed following the receipt of the Inspectors Report.
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.</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. The Council have been successful in receiving £7k funding through LGA Housing Advisor Programme. An advisor has been selected and is working with the Housing Team</p>

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1.3	Raise standards in the private sector, particularly in Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs)	a)For the Council to work with HCC on the Eco Homes Project and to focus on poor thermal housing improvements.	Being developed, according to HCC/District project timetable Jan 18 – Herts Warmer Homes Scheme successfully launched Nov 2017 and will initially operate until Oct 18 Apr 18 – “EcoFlex” launched in March 2018, as an extension to Herts Warmer Homes. This allows EH to work with energy suppliers to help identify vulnerable households that could benefit from energy efficient improvements.
		b)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. Sept 2017 – It is unlikely that the target will be met in 2017/18 Jan 2018 – 6 inspected 2017/18 Apr 18 -Target met for 2017/18

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		<p>c) To review the Housing Enforcement Policy in the light of the Deregulation Act restrictions on retaliatory eviction, by June 2017. Awaiting guidance from Government.</p>	<p>September 2017: Guidance still not available. Aim is to work with Herts & Beds authorities and to incorporate into Environmental Health enforcement policy</p> <p>Jan 2018 - Additional factors to incorporate into revised policy have been identified. New policy expected 1st quarter 2018/19</p> <p>Apr 18 -Delayed until second quarter 2018/19 due to limited resources</p>
	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</p>	<p>March 2018.</p> <p>Sept 17 - Local accommodation Board meeting regularly and are looking to pilot a joint approach.</p>

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		Accommodation Boards to look at provision in the District.	HCC reviewing Flexicare contracts across the county
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 type, tenure and location of housing requirements through the Local Plan process by Spring 2016.	Sept 17 – District Plan is at examination. Examination in public to commence 03/10/17. Plan includes a policy on specialist housing for older and vulnerable people RP stock asset strategies for older person accommodation are in place. Jan 2018 – District Plan final hearing session to be held on 30/01/18

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			Apr 18 - District Plan EiP concluded in January, Main Modifications consultation undertaken between February and March. Consultation representations passed onto Inspector whose Final Report is anticipated towards the end of May. Adoption of Plan likely to be June/July.
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.	August 2017: Continuing until HIA starts following which the aim is to incorporate this objective in the HIA service. Apr 18 – The HIA has made a decision not to move forward with integrating dementia friendly homes project into the service.
		b) To continue to participate in the countywide review of housing adaptations services, in accordance with	Sept 17 – HIA effective from 02/10/17 Jan 2018 – not approved cases transferred to HIA from 2/10/17.

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		the project plan and timetable.	Approved cases are being managed. Still working with HCC to complete project. Apr 18 - HIA running and able to approve cases
	Strategic Objective 3		
3.1	To work with the Accommodation Boards to undertake a strategic review of Vulnerable Peoples Needs in the District.	a) HCC is setting up Local Accommodation Boards to look at provision in the District.	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. Sept 17 - Local Accommodation Board in place and meeting for next 12 months booked. HCC have drawn up needs statements for individual client groups.
3.2	To ensure that our Temporary Accommodation offer is fit for	a) Undertake a review of temporary accommodation	December 2017 Sept 17 - Report to be provided to

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	purpose.	provision in the District .	portfolio holder by end Sept 17 Jan 2018 - Review of current and future temporary accommodation requirements undertaken, report completed, and recommendations made and presented to Portfolio Holder November 2017. Apr 18 - Project underway
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. Jan 2018 – still in abeyance – staff vacancies not filled despite being advertised
		b) To provide a checklist of key housing hazards suitable for referrals by	Provided to HCC's Occupational Therapists, and Housing Quality Group. The next steps are to

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		health and care professionals for housing assessment.	<p>incorporate the tasks into the HIA and monitor its implementation and impact.</p> <p>Jan 2018 – Checklist does not appear to be effect as no referrals have been received since its implementation. Herts and Beds Housing Group are considering expanding the use of the checklist to include other agencies.</p> <p>Apr 18- Ongoing</p> <p>An independent hoarding protocol in being developed with Fire and Rescue.</p> <p>Apr 18 - Ongoing</p>
	Strategic Objective 4		
4.1	To work with Parishes to identify local housing needs through Neighbourhood Plans and Parish Housing Needs	a) To engage with a Parish on carrying out at least one Parish Housing Needs Survey by December 2017.	September 2017 – One Rural Housing Needs Survey completed through the CDA for Herts.

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	Surveys.		
4.2	To ensure that any potential Exception Sites are delivered in partnership with all interested stakeholders.	<p>a) To provide information as requested to aid with Neighbourhood Planning as an ongoing initiative.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>December 2017.</p> <p>Information provided for Standon, Much Hadham and Braughing</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Jan 2018 – Project report expected by March 2018</p> <p>Apr 18 - Project report received March 2018</p>