

Corporate Plan Delivery Plan

Corporate Plan Theme: **Local Homes for Local Need**

There is a significant local need for housing across the district. Enabling and facilitating new housing of the right type, quality and affordability will therefore, be a key priority for the Council and, working with a variety of partners, we will explore all available avenues to increase the supply of quality, affordable housing to address this need. We will also seek opportunities to improve the condition and environmental sustainability of existing housing stock. We will aim to ensure that new homes are of a high standard of design and built with a strong emphasis on environmental sustainability and therefore, more affordable to live in.

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Objective 1: Developing and adopting a new Local Plan

	DP action	Delivery timescale
1.1	<p>Formulate suitable policies and proposals in the new Local Plan to facilitate the delivery of forecasted housing supply to meet the needs of the District.</p> <p>Through the Local Plan, North Norfolk Design Guide, Building Control Regulations and other approaches, we will ensure high quality design and environmental sustainability standards are met in new housing, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• measures to reduce water consumption• improved fuel efficiency• compliance with the National Design Guide and Design Code• provision of Development Briefs to ensure new development sites are sympathetic local environmental characteristics• maintaining a custom/self-build register	Winter 2022
1.2	Monitor the availability of brownfield sites and evaluate the opportunities these present to increase the supply of development land available in a sustainable way	Annually

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Objective 2: Developing and implementing a new Housing Strategy

	DP action	Delivery timescale
2.1	Formulate a new Housing Strategy to encourage new and innovative ways of delivering affordable housing, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • engagement of key stakeholders to identify evidence and gaps in understanding; • measures which will enable the Council to better target its resources and to focus on priority issues 	December 2020
2.2	To improve both housing conditions of occupants and address environmental objectives, we will identify the most effective interventions to improve conditions and energy efficiency in private sector housing, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • investigating the viability of housing improvement grants/loans; • Investigating the viability of using incentives to renovate and retrofit existing housing stock through grants/loans 	December 2020
2.3	Seek to identify and analyse the condition of private sector housing stock to inform consideration of initiatives such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • selective licensing schemes • landlord accreditation • certification • grants for housing stock improvement 	Review complete: April 2021 Condition survey: March 2020
2.4	Investigate the viability of methods to help reduce fuel poverty amongst vulnerable local residents	Review complete: April 2021

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Objective 3: Forming a housing delivery / development company

DP action	Delivery timescale
<p>3.1 Develop a business case for a housing company with a view to providing the Council with a way of addressing some of the housing needs in the district. Such an approach will take into account:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• provision of temporary accommodation• housing affordability• becoming a trusted (private sector) landlord• potential sites for new housing development, including those for self-build• engaging with development partners• exploring external funding sources• exemplar homes	Business Case; March 2020

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Objective 4: Developing and implementing a new Homelessness and Rough Sleepers Strategy and Action Plan

DP action	Delivery timescale
<p>4.1 Developing and implementing a new Homelessness and Rough Sleepers Strategy and Action Plan. The approach will involve exploring ways in which the Council can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• intervene early and support households to avoid homelessness;• increase the supply of temporary accommodation to meet the needs of those people who find themselves homeless; and• invest in its own accommodation to meet the needs of our community and also to reduce the cost of temporary accommodation to Council Tax payers (links to Objective 3 above)	Strategy adoption December 2019

Objective 5: Delivering new affordable homes both directly as a Council and through partnership working with Registered Providers

DP action	Delivery timescale
5.1 Investigate ways to support and assist affordable housing providers, including the potential for a Council loan scheme for Registered Providers to facilitate a supply of affordable homes for our communities, whilst supporting the Council's financial sustainability	Scheme approval; February 2021
5.2 Explore ways to help households into owner-occupation, including consideration of mortgage facilitation schemes; lending to allow people to buy their own home, meaning that more local people can remain in the communities that they call home	Scheme approval; February 2021

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Objective 6: Working with partners to deliver 500 units of Housing with Care / Extra Care

	DP action	Delivery timescale
6.1	<p>As the local demographic continues to age, to make sure that people can obtain the housing and support that they need throughout their lives we will work with partners to deliver 500 units of Housing-with-Care/ExtraCare. The Council will seek to be an investment partner, where appropriate, to speed delivery and secure financial sustainability</p> <p>Explore funding opportunities, for example through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• One Public Estate• Living Well Programme• Homes England	Initial Business Case April 2020