

Friday, 13 April 2018

HOUSING RENTAL COMPANY COMMITTEE

A meeting of Housing Rental Company Committee will be held on

Monday, 23 April 2018

commencing at **10.00 am**

The meeting will be held in the Meadfoot Room, Town Hall, Castle Circus, Torquay, TQ1 3DR

Members of the Committee

Councillor Thomas (D) (Chairman)

Councillor Darling (S)

Councillor Ellery

Councillor Parrott

Councillor O'Dwyer Councillor Robson Councillor Tyerman

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HOUSING RENTAL COMPANY COMMITTEE AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive apologies for absence, including notifications of any changes to the membership of the Committee.

2. Minutes To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of this Committee held on 21 February 2018.

3. Declarations of Interests

(a) To receive declarations of non pecuniary interests in respect of items on this agenda

For reference: Having declared their non pecuniary interest members may remain in the meeting and speak and, vote on the matter in question. A completed disclosure of interests form should be returned to the Clerk before the conclusion of the meeting.

(b) To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of items on this agenda

For reference: Where a Member has a disclosable pecuniary interest he/she must leave the meeting during consideration of the item. However, the Member may remain in the meeting to make representations, answer questions or give evidence if the public have a right to do so, but having done so the Member must then immediately leave the meeting, may not vote and must not improperly seek to influence the outcome of the matter. A completed disclosure of interests form should be returned to the Clerk before the conclusion of the meeting.

(**Please Note**: If Members and Officers wish to seek advice on any potential interests they may have, they should contact Governance Support or Legal Services prior to the meeting.)

4. Urgent Items

To consider any other items that the Chairman decides are urgent.

Housing Strategy

5. Housing Strategy Action Plan To note the Housing Action Plan update.

6. Affordable Home - Deep Dive

At the Housing Rental Company Committee Members requested further information on:

- The number of brown field and green field sites that have planning permission but are 'stalled';
- The potential density of housing that could be built on these

(Pages 7 - 19)

(Pages 20 - 28)

(Pages 4 - 6)

sites;

- More in-depth detail on affordable housing numbers
- How many empty homes are there in Torbay and how long have they been empty;
- How many empty homes could be brought forward for occupation; and
- The length of time taken for housing association voids to be occupied.

A paper is attached for Members reference.

7.	Housing Monitoring and Performance Framework To consider a report that sets out the Housing Delivery and Monitoring Framework Dashboards.	(Pages 29 - 35)
8.	Housing Policy and Funding Update To consider a report that provides a further update on changes to	(Pages 36 - 39)

Government policy and funding.

9. Housing First Update

To consider a report on the above.

Housing Rental Company Committee Reserved Matters

10. Exclusion of the Press and Public

To consider passing a resolution to exclude the press and public from the meeting prior to consideration of the following item on the agenda on the grounds that exempt information (as defined in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)) is likely to be disclosed.

11. Housing Rental Company Business Plan

To consider a report on the above.

(To Follow)

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Agenda Item 2



Minutes of the Housing Rental Company Committee

21 February 2018

-: Present :-

Councillor Thomas (D) (Chairman)

Councillors Darling (S), O'Dwyer, Robson, Tyerman and Ellery

(Also in attendance: Councillors Stockman and Morey)

19. Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Parrott.

20. Minutes

The Minutes of the Housing Rental Company Committee held on 4 December 2017 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

21. Urgent Items

The Committee considered the item in Minute 28, and not included on the agenda, the Chairman being of the opinion that it was urgent by reason of special circumstances i.e. the matter having arisen since the agenda was prepared and it was unreasonable to delay a decision until the next meeting.

22. Housing Strategy Action Plan

Members noted a report that provided a RAG rating for the actions set out in the Housing Strategy Action Plan. It was intended that the document would be a responsive project focused document. Performance monitoring would also be coordinated in a new multi-team performance framework for housing which was under development.

Members paid particular attention to the monitoring of affordable homes and requested further information be circulated on:

- The number of brown field and green field sites that have planning permission but are 'stalled';
- The potential density of housing that could be built on these sites;
- More in-depth detail on affordable housing numbers
- How many empty homes are there in Torbay and how long have they been empty;
- How many empty homes could be brought forward for occupation; and
- The length of time taken for housing association voids to be occupied.

23. Housing First Strategic Update

Members noted a report that provided an update on the following areas of work:

- Work associated with the Torbay End Street Homelessness Campaign (TESH)
- The successful bid to the Nationwide Foundation for a study into system change to Housing First in Torbay; and
- DCLG rough sleeper grant funding.

Members further noted TESH had recently undertaken a second 'Connections Week', where volunteers from the community go out on to the streets and conduct an in depth survey with people who are street homeless. Those who gave permission had their surveys handed to the outreach team. A communications plan was being prepared to cover the work of TESH and other aspects of the Council's work around rough sleeping.

24. Housing Policy and Funding Update

The Committee considered a report that provided a further update on changes to Government policy and funding that may impact upon the delivery of the Council's Housing Strategy.

Resolved:

That the Director of Adult Services and Housing ensure that actions to accommodate the proposed changes are incorporated into the refreshed 18-19 Housing Strategy Action Plan.

25. Homelessness Reduction Act Overview

The Committee noted a report that set out the changes and new duties in the Homeless Reduction Act 2017 (HRA), which will come into effect from 3 April 2018. The approach undertaken and allocation of the Flexible Homeless Support Grant and burden funding should enable the Council to prepare and implement the necessary service changes to meet the demands of the HRA. However this will need to be reviewed closely to assess the effectiveness of the approach.

Members were advised that the HRA transforms the help Council's are expected to provide to all homeless people. It aims to ensure provision of new support to people who aren't entitled to help under the current system. It requires Council's to try and prevent people from becoming homeless in the first place, intervening early and encouraging other public-sector bodies to actively assist in identifying and referring those at risk of priority need.

26. Exclusion of the Press and Public

Prior to consideration of the items in Minute 27 and 28 the press and public were formally excluded from the meeting on the grounds that the item involved the likely

disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

27. Housing Rental Company options for registration as a Registered (housing) Provider (RP)

Members considered an exempt report the intended outcome of which was to progress the Housing Rental Company and delivery of the Housing Strategy in the most cost effective way within legal and staffing constraints, whilst also developing the policies and business case to register as a Registered Provider.

Resolved:

That:

- i) the Assistant Director of Adult Services and Housing continue to explore the opportunities of registering as a Registered Provider as a mechanism to directly access grant and make a recommendation as to whether to proceed with Investment Management Status and/or Registered Provider Registration to the Housing Rental Company Committee in April 2018; and
- ii) the financial modelling be developed into a Business Plan for consideration by the Housing Rental Company.

28. Housing Rental Company Business Plan

Members were advised that the business plan was being developed and a briefing for Members of the Housing Rental Company Committee would be arranged.

Chairman/woman



Meeting: Housing Rental Company Committee Date: 23rd April 2018

Wards Affected: All

Report Title: Housing Strategy Action Plan Update

Is the decision a key decision? No (delete as appropriate)

When does the decision need to be implemented?

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Supporting Officer Contact Details: Rachel Danemann, Community Housing Strategy and Delivery Manager - 01803 2087469, <u>rachel.danemann@torbay.gov.uk</u>Name of Councillor, Executive Lead Title, phone number and email

1. **Proposal and Introduction**

1.1 The Housing Strategy Action Plan will monitor the delivery of Torbay's Housing Strategy. The Action Plan has been refreshed and updated for 2018-19 and is attached as Appendix 1. The RAG approach is used to identify any specific actions or projects that require reporting by exception.

2. Reason for Proposal

2.1 It is intended that this Housing Action Plan document will be a responsive project focused document. Performance monitoring is co-ordinated in a new multi-team Housing Performance Dashboard. This latest version of the Action Plan has therefore removed actions previously marked as completed, or no longer being progressed.

3. Recommendation(s) / Proposed Decision

3.1 It is recommended that the Housing Action Plan update is noted and that from now on updates to the Action Plan be reported to every other Housing Rental Company Committee. Specific project report updates and proposals will be prepared as required or requested.

Background Documents

Housing Strategy Action Plan as of Feb 2018

http://www.torbay.gov.uk/DemocraticServices/documents/s47495/Housing%20Action%20Plan .pdf

Housing Strategy Action Plan as of Dec 2017

http://www.torbay.gov.uk/DemocraticServices/documents/s45594/Housing%20Strategy%20Ac tion%20Plan.pdf

Appendices

Appendix 1: Housing Strategy Action Plan (23 April 2018)

Key Deliverable	Housing Strategy Objectives	Who is responsible	By when	Update	Risks, Opportunities and Mitigation	RAG
Working with Hous	sing Associat	ions, Providers	and Partners			
Engage housing and support providers in delivery of housing strategy	1	Bryony Stevens and Rachel Danemann	April 2018	The Torbay Housing Partnership is being re-established. A re-launch event on Housing, Health and Social Care is being planned. Individual meetings will be set up with RPs and other key delivery	Opportunity to link Torbay Housing Partnership with other Council priorities.	G
Liaise with Homes England to Explore Opportunities for partnership working	129	TDA, Bryony Stevens and Rachel Danemann	Ongoing	partners Dialogue with Homes England ongoing.	Clear opportunities around the Government's current focus on Housing Delivery and the funding and support available	G
Spatial Planning a	nd Developme	ent Managemer	ht		1	
Housing Market Assessment (SHLAA, SMHA etc.) refresh of evidence base for Torbay Local Plan review.	1	Spatial Planning- David Pickhaver	2018	NPPF currently out for consultation. Deadline for responses May 10. Torbay Council's response to the being led by planning policy.	Revised NPPF currently out for consultation proposes a standard methodology for calculating housing need, a new definitions of AH and other changes.	G

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Ensure the provision of sufficient deliverable	1249	Spatial Planning- David Pickhaver	Ongoing	Current 5 Year Land Supply Position has just been reviewed. The current data indicated 4.2 years.	Work to assist with delivery and stalled sites is a priority for Community Housing Managers.	A
housing sites. The Local Plan seeks to deliver a minimum 400 homes p.a. up to 2017, and a		Spatial Planning- Kevin Mowat TDA	Ongoing	Continued work with landowners and developers to ensure a healthy pipeline of future projects. TDA maintain a live database of completed AH schemes and the pipeline of future.	Challenges around capacity in DM. This is being addressed through Planning Service Review	G
minimum of 495 homes p.a. to 2020, alongside new employment space and infrastructure. Government policy requires a steady supply of housing sites (equating to at least a 5 year supply of housing).	12	Bryony Stevens and Rachel Danemann	Ongoing	Ongoing work to review stalled sites (those granted planning permission by not yet coming forward) and identify measures to help bring them forward. Work underway on a selection criteria for prioritising which stalled sites should be prioritised.		G
Work with developers to ensure early delivery of affordable homes on S106 sites.	123	Liam Montgomery, Susanne Lang	Ongoing	Ongoing liaison with developers	Pace of delivery linked to market conditions	G
Review S106 and Affordable Housing SPD to ensure it is fit for purpose.	1	David Pickhaver	Review by end of 2018	Planning Contributions and Affordable Housing SPD adopted in February 2017. A light touch review is planned for 2018	NPPF consultation includes proposed changes to CIL and Section 106 and the need for increased transparency	G

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Annual publication of our housing monitoring, showing starts and completions,	1	Spatial Planning Zdzislawa Kunaszkiewic z		Housing Monitoring is undertaken annually in April for the previous financial year. The next report is in the process of being finalised.	This will feed into Housing Performance Dashboard	G
brown field and green field land, and sites included in the Council's 5 year land supply.	1	Zdzislawa Kunaszkiewic z	Part 1 register published Dec 2017 Update at least annually	The brownfield register is published and maintained by the Planning Team		G
Establish 'virtual' housing delivery team	All	Kevin Mowat	Jan 2018	Initial meeting has been held and agreement in principal established. Housing Officer Group	May be affected by current Planning Service Review	G
Ensure viability policy and practice is maximising opportunities for affordable housing	19	Head of Development Management TDA Rachel Danemann	April 2018	NPPF consultation includes significant suggested changes on how viability should be addressed in planning. Torbay Council will respond to the consultation, and will need to consider the impact of any changes once they are implemented.	Current proposals seeking to ensure a more transparent process with a more standardised method. There may be resource implications resulting from this.	G
Support the progress of Neighbourhood Plans, particularly in relation to the allocation of Housing sites		David Pickhaver (Paignton) Tracy Brooks Brixham) Andrew Gunther (Torquay)		The work on Neighbourhood Plans for Torbay, Paignton and Brixham continues. The plan are now going through their examination processes.	NPs continue to propose policies that could serve to restrict housing supply, which has the potential to be in conflict with the Government's wider Housing Delivery agenda.	A
Record interest in Self-build	1	Andrew Gunther	Ongoing, with annual reporting	A Self Build Register is maintained and reviewed by the Planning Service. A CLG return on self-build is required annually.		G

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Prepare bid for CLG funding to support improved joint multi- disciplinary working and increase capacity	1 2 3 4 8 9 and11	Rachel Danemann Kevin Mowat		The applications submitted for CLG funding were not successful, although additional funding rounds are anticipated shortly. The capacity issues identified in the bids have fed into the Planning Service Review.	Opportunities for joint working remain. NPPF changes increase emphasis and opportunities around joint plan making. Potential opportunity to work with PAS to explore this further.	G
Housing Company	, Council Ass	ets and Fundin	g			
Provide affordable housing grant to subsidise affordable housing delivery through Registered Providers. Provide subsidy to RPs to ensure the delivery of a variety of tenures and to unblock potentially unviable sites.	2	Liam Montgomery	Ongoing	Work ongoing	Re-launch of Torbay Housing Partnership should further assist with RP partnership working.	G
Use Section 106 agreements to secure the use of local construction skills in 5 major development sites	1	Liam Montgomery and Pat Steward	Ongoing	Delivery to be secured by negotiation with developers on a site-by-site basis, and prioritised for Torbay Council/TDA led town centre regeneration sites.		G
Consider opportunities for the Housing Company to get involved in PRS	12	Bryony Stevens		Opportunities for Housing Company to provide a private and/or social lettings agency will be considered by the Housing Company Board.	Potential to help deliver Housing First accommodation Will need to be informed by Housing Company Business Plan	G

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Consider benefits and challenges of becoming an RP		Bryony Stevens		A paper detailing this issue has been prepared for Housing Rental Company Committee	Will need to be informed by Housing Company Business Plan	G
Consider role of Housing Company is providing housing units for DASV and other particular needs		Rachel Danemann		Opportunities for Housing Company to provide housing for specialist needs will be considered by the Housing Company Board.	Will need to be informed by Housing Company Business Plan	A
Community Housi	ng Projects					
Spend Community Housing Fund monies in line with CHF spending commitments	1	Frances Mason		Community Housing Strategy Managers now in post.		G
Work with community group to deliver homes Brixham Project on privately owned site	189	Bryony Stevens	April 2019	Brixham Community Housing Project which could include accessible/supported housing, identified as a CHF spending commitment.		A

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Work with community groups to deliver community housing project in Brixham on Council owned site	189	Bryony Stevens	April 2019	Potential Council owned site as possible CHF spend.		A
Identify additional community housing projects	189	Bryony Stevens	April 2019	Meetings with community group representatives to explore opportunities for partnership working	HCA funding expected to be made available in 18/19 for bids. Potential for direct bidding from Community Groups who may need support and assistance to succeed.	A
Identify and delivery of development opportunities (at least 1 per Community Investment Area) Investment can be secured to pump prime projects in CIAs to help tackle socio-economic disadvantage.	189	Pat Stewart		This objective can be picked up in the work progressing on Community Housing		A
Housing for Peopl	e with Particu	lar Needs				
Develop a TCP Housing Strategy for people with learning disabilities and poor mental	7	Justin Wiggin		Support commissioned by NHSE from Housing LIN. Completion of the strategy is likely to be end of May 2018. Delays in receiving and quality of data have required additional time	Opportunity to demonstrate joint working through the Devon LD STP. Torbay is the lead agency for this area of work.	G

	health				to be input in to developing a baseline. Torbay's needs assessment is now complete with final information being collected from Devon and Plymouth. Devon wide needs analysis is expected to be completed by 20 April 2018.		
Page	Secure provision of specialist autism accommodation	7	Justin Wiggin	Testing of approach due for completion 2/2/18 Wider Devon needs analysis by end of Feb 2018. Strategy complete by April 2019	Bid for NHSE capital being re- submitted to enable purchase of site/redevelopment of building for autism specialist housing. Bid due to be submitted April 2018. Whilst a revised bid is to be submitted NHSE have confirmed they have overcommitted funding for EOI's which were agreed Jan 2018. Alternate source of funding may be required for this project to go ahead.	If successful the project would need to be delivered by 2019.	A
15	Ensure adequate supply of support and accommodation for young people aged 16-24 including care leavers, young parents and homeless young people	7	Shirley Beauchamp	April 2018 for decision to enable new commission ing by 2019	Youth Homelessness and Prevention Service redesign in progress to reflect HRA17 changes. Developing specification for support to specifically help young people to achieve their Personal Housing Plans. Needs analysis is being undertaken to inform commissioning strategy and funding requirements.	All YP Contracts end during 2019. Need to consider impact of Homelessness Reduction Act Impact on Corporate Parenting responsibility and Children Act Sufficiency duty Lack of appropriate move on due to affordability and availability of independent accommodation. Increasing demand on the services Impact of Welfare Reform Opportunities to explore innovative models of accommodation provision	A

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Commission a new framework for 16+ children's placements/suppor ted accommodation to replace Peninsula Framework provision ending 31/3/18.	78	Shirley Beauchamp		Peninsula Framework extended to September 2018, exploring joint commissioning of new 16+ framework with Plymouth and possibly Somerset. Seeking clarification from Ofsted 24/4 regarding levels of complexity and registration.	Currently not regulated. Complex needs of young people placed may necessitate formal registration with Ofsted or CQC.	A
Commissioning a range of domestic abuse and sexual violence support services including recommissioning current accommodation service	789	Shirley Beauchamp	September 2019	Waiver approved and contract extended to September 2019 to facilitate re-commissioning due to broadening of approach to include sexual violence, and public consultation. Any accommodation needs to be fit for purpose. Government consultation on future DASV strategy ends on 31/5/18.	Proposal for DASV to become part of Council's Policy Framework going to full Council April 2018. Anticipated new duty around providing refuge/safe accommodation for women and girls fleeing domestic abuse and sexual violence. Opportunities to pilot a Housing First Approach.	A
Undertake full assessment of the health needs of the homeless population of Torbay	78	Public Health- Paul Iggulden	2016	Housing and Health Needs Assessment was completed in 2015 <u>http://www.torbay.gov.uk/council/poli</u> <u>cies/housing-strategy/</u> New Action: consider the need for a refresh/inclusion of this issue within a wider Assessment.	Links into Devon STP Prevention Challenge Paper follow-up work	G

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	Re-commission a home improvement agency to support vulnerable clients in applying for disabled facilities grants	3	Tara Harris	2018	Current contract delivering successful outcomes and on budget. Current provider agreed to continue contract until April 19		G
	Undertake future demand modelling/housing needs analysis	4	Jill Yersin/Claire Truscott		Work ongoing.		G
Page 17	Deliver alternative model of temporary accommodation that is sustainable and provides better outcomes for the client	5	Tara Harris	Agree Business Case by Dev 2017. Delivery by April 2018	Work ongoing.		G
	Explore system change to Housing First		Debbie Freeman		Partnership bid to Nationwide Foundation for evaluation of Torbay system and business case on way forward. Crisis commissioned to undertake work December 2017. Evaluation Jan to March 2018 with recommendations due mid-April 2018		G
	Explore ways to make outreach team and Safe Space sustainable	6	Debbie Freeman/ Tara Harris	Jan 2019	To explore as part of system change noted above	Current DCLG funding ends April 2019	G

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	Explore ways to make volunteer co- ordinator posts sustainable	6	Debbie Freeman/ Tara Harris	Jan 2019	Shekinah have committed to fund the volunteer co-ordinator post beyond April 2019.	Current DCLG funding ends April 2019	G					
	Develop Recovery College in Torbay	6	Debbie Freeman/ System Optimisation Group	Start Recovery College by April 2019	Initial meetings have been held to determine need for, and scope of recovery college and collaboration with local partners. Next phase from April 2018 – identification of funding as part of system change noted above.		G					
Page 18	Design and deliver 64 units of extra care housing. Extra care housing care and support provider tender	7	Fran Mason/Bryon y Stevens	2018	Project Group established. Investigating alternative delivery options and possible sites.		A					
	Improving Existing	Improving Existing Stock										
	Target poor quality accommodation and management through the Rogue Landlords Programme Service redesign	12	Tara Harris	Ongoing	Regular report and updates provided to Mayor ASB ring-fenced fund.	Need to consider impact of Homelessness Reduction Act and opportunities that HRA funding may offer	G					
	Prioritisation of high risk complaints about poor quality accommodation	12	Tara Harris	Ongoing	Project plan in development. Work prioritised by vulnerability and risk. 290 requests for assistance received and 26 legal notices served	New project plan in development for mandatory HMO licensing system (Oct 2018).	G					

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	Explore the potential for redevelopment / reuse of care homes that want to exit the care market, to help	11	Spatial Planning, Development Management and Joint Commissioni ng Team.	Ongoing	Engage with care home owners as sites become available.	Progress dependant on site becoming available. Opportunities for a more proactive approach could be considered.	A
	deliver more family homes and more contemporary 'villa' homes.	11	Rachel Danemann	April 2018	Working on process to ensure Community Housing Strategy Manager and JCT and are made aware of potential sites at the earliest opportunity		G
Page 19	To maximise opportunities where appropriate to facilitate energy efficiency measures being implemented especially within deprived and vulnerable groups	8	Tara Harris	Cosy Devon ECO1 completed April 2016 Central Heating Scheme completed April 17	Ecoflex opportunities currently explored with providers. Implementation July 2018		G

Question	Data							Commentary					
Question One			monitor sites tha		•			Stalled sites are sites with planning permission where					
	•		Monitoring. The o					development has not been completed.					
The number of brown	sites under	15 units, plus l	arger sites taken	from l	ist of E	3F sites, larg	ger GF						
field and green field	may therefo	ore be missing.						Sites can be stalled for a wide variety of reasons. There					
sites that have								may be site specific issues, factors affecting specific landowner or developer specific and/or wider factor					
planning permission	Sites not st	arted as at Ap	ril 2017 by Town										
but are 'stalled';								at work in the housing market and/or wider economy.					
	Town	Number of	Potential No	GF	BF	Not		The Housing Strategy Action Plan identified stalled					
and		sites	of units			specified		sites as a key area of work, and possible intervention.					
	Torquay	63	311	0	42	21							
Question Two	Paignton	28	59	0	16	12		The Torbay Housing Officer group propose that for the					
	Brixham	16	55	1	7	8		purpose of considering interventions to secure delivery					
The potential density	Total	107	425	1	65	41		a stalled site should be defined as one that has a					
of housing that could					1		1	permission for at least five units, that is two years old					
be built on these sites;	There are a	lso sites allocat	ted in the Local Pl	an tha	at coul	d be consid	ered	but has yet to be started. This would enable action to					
			re not moving for					be taken before any planning permission expired after					
		-	nfrastructure issu		-			three years.					
		•	orquay Gateway,				•						
	Road.							Sites of under five units are considered windfalls, and					
								allowance for windfall delivery is already included in					
	Brownfield	/Greenfield sp	lit on delivered s	ites				the housing figures in the Local Plan.					
	DWELLING	COMPLETIONS	ON					It should also be noted that is to be expected that not					
	BROWNFIE	LD LAND IN	PERIOD					all planning permissions are built out and this drop off					
	Т	O DATE (2012-20	17)*					rate is already included in the housing calculations in					
	PERIOD	BROWNFIELD	GREENFIELD					the Local Plan, through as assumptions of build out					
	12/13	72%	28%				rates. Assessment of housing delivery is a key element						
	12/13		20 /0					of the Five Year Land supply monitoring, and the					
	13/14	74%	26%					Planning Department monitors actual completions					
	14/15	75%	25%					with a site visits. It should be noted that this year's					
	15/16	68%	32%					data has been collected and is currently awaiting					
								analysis.					

Question	Data					Commentary
	16/17	63%	37%			
	AVERAGE	70%	30%			Housing enabling work can also be proactive and address sites the Council wishes to bring forward, but
						are not yet in for planning. Work to help bring forward
						these sites will also pick up empty buildings and redundant sites which are not currently in residential
						use, but could be- subject to planning or prior
						notifications/building regs. These sites and buildings
						have potential for re-development for housing. This is different from empty homes, which are already in residential use but not occupied.
Question Three	Table 1.Affor	dable Housin	g Delivered by 1	Provision of Affordable Housing is sought on Greenfield sites of 3 dwellings or more and Brownfield		
More in-depth detail	Year	Social	Intermediate	Shared	Total	sites of 15 or more, to meet the needs of local people.
on affordable housing		Rent	Rent	Ownership		More info on the sliding scale can be found in Policy H2
numbers	2008/2009	92	-	27	119	of Torbay's Planning Contributions and Affordable
	2009/2010	57	-	44	117 *	Housing Supplementary Planning Document 2017.
Data sources:	2010/2011	110	-	17	127	
TDA database	2011/2012	27	-	8	35	Of the affordable housing provided on site the Council
interrogations	2012/2013	14	-	21	35	would seek an equal split between Social Rent,
CDAD figures	2013/2014	179	-	16	195	Affordable Rent and Shared Ownership. Table 1 shows
SPAR figures	2014/2015	81	8	24	113	the breakdown of figures over the past 10 years.
	2015/2016	14	20	12	46	1/3 Social Rent
	2016/2017	7	19	16	42	Social Rent should be managed by a Registered
	2017/2018	5	7	14	26	Provider (Housing Association) or alternative
	TOTAL	586	54	199		organisation approved by Council Social Pented
	-	-	figure is down to		fferent tenur	housing is homes let on assured tenancies (as deemed
	being provided	l but not logge	ed separately on S	spar.		in section 80 of the Housing Regeneration Act 2008), for which target rents are determined through nationa rent regime.

Question	Data			Commentary
				<u>X Affordable Rent</u> Housing let by Local Authorities or Registered providers of Social Housing or alternative organisation approved by the Council to households who are eligible for social rented housing. Affordable Rent is subject to rent controls that require a rent of no more than 80% of the local market (including service charges, where applicable)
				<u>1/3 Intermediate</u> Is an umbrella for homes for sale or rent at a discount below market rates but above Social and Affordable rented products, it includes (but is not limited to) discounted market and starter homes.
			Homes Delivered (Gross)	Table 2 provides the figures on the number of Affordable Housing completions over the past 10
	Year	Target	Actuals	years. As is clear from the table, 2013 – 2015 were
	2008/2009	111	119	very successful due to Council bringing forward their
	2009/2010	111	117	own sites such as Beechfield, Hayes Road and
	2010/2011	112	127	Dunboyne. In the latter years the Council has had to
	2011/2012	35	35	rely on affordable housing being delivered through
	2012/2013	100	35	S106 sites with the speed of delivery being determined
	2013/2014	100	195	by the developers.
	2014/2015	110	113	
	2015/2016	100	46	Below are the developments currently on site with
	2016/2017	100	42	completions due over the next $1 - 3$ years:
	2017/2018	75	26	Primrose Hill (Torquay)
	TOTAL	954	860	White Rock (Paignton) Yannons Farm (Paignton)
				Alfrison Rd (Paignton) Wall Park (Brixham)

Question	Data					Commentary
	Table 3. Afford	lable Hous	ing Delive	ered by Be	<u>Table 3</u> provides the breakdown split of bedroom numbers. The large increase in 2 bedroom properties in 2013/14 is due largely in part to the Hayes Road	
			_		Four or more 0 1 1 2 6 18 0 3 12 1 1 44	numbers. The large increase in 2 bedroom properties

Question	Data				Commentary
	Table 4.Afforda	ble Housing Deliv	vered by	Town	<u>Table 4</u> . With large schemes such as Beechfield (Torquay) and Hayes Rd (Paignton) this has had a big
	Year	Torquay P	Paignton	Brixham	impact on the numbers of affordable units completed
	2008/2009		50	12	in each of these towns.
	2009/2010	77 3	38	2	
	2010/2011	76 3	33	18	
	2011/2012	5 3	30	0	
	2012/2013	35 0)	0	
	2013/2014	109 8	36	0	
	2014/2015			0	
	2015/2016	0 4	16	0	
	2016/2017	0 2	23	19	
	2017/2018	18 4	1	4	
	TOTAL	367 4	133	55	
		sffordable bousin		wheelcheir edented	
				wheelchair adapted	<u>Table 5</u> providing 5% of affordable housing as wheelchair adapted units is another Spar target.
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Question	Data			Commentary
Question Four	Number of Lo	ng term Vacant Dwellings		At October 2016 (the most recently published national
			_	figures) 2.5% of England's housing stock was vacant of
How many empty	Year (Oct)	No of 6 months+ vacant		which 0.8% was long term (6 months+). At Feb 2018
homes are there in		dwellings in Torbay.		Torbay's figure was 3.35%, of which 1.8% is long term
Torbay and how long	2004	1,283		vacant. However, in terms of vacancies, there has
have they been	2005	1344		been no increase in the number of long term vacant
empty;	2006	1389		dwellings since 2004.
	2007	1334		
and	2008	1319		Some level of empty housing is a requirement of a
Question Five	2009	1360		functioning housing market as properties are bought and sold. There will be a variety of reasons that homes
Question Five	2010	1353		are empty. Over 60% of long term empty dwellings are
How many empty	2011	1278		in Council Tax Band A and B, which could indicate an
homes could be	2012	1080		oversupply of flat conversions rather than an
brought forward for	2013	982		oversupply of housing per se.
occupation;	2014	1063		
•	2015	1048		The Council's Housing Operations Team continues to
	2016	1079		engage with empty homes where there are regulatory
	2017	1085		or enforcement issues. Some empty homes may also
	2018 (Feb)	1220		be addressed if they fall within wider projects and
		2018 figure is not directly		or/town centre regeneration sites.
	comparable w seasonal varia	ith previous years because of		
	Seasonal valia]	The Council no longer has a dedicated empty homes
	Source: Table	615 All Long term vacant dwellings by lo	ocal authority district (from	officer. The TDA wrote to all the owners of empty
	Council Tax Bas	se documents), England from 2004. Go		homes, but this did not result in any properties
	Dwelling Stock.			suitable for council investment/intervention being identified.
	These figures e	xclude second homes and holidays hom	nes	
				There is potential for the Housing Company to invest in
				purchase and repair as part of its Business Plan. There
				is the potential of this to target empty homes.

Question	Data								Commentary
	Breakdown	of Long te	erm Vaca	nt Dwe	ellings b	y band, a	as of Feb	2018	Proposed further increases to Council Tax rates of empty homes may incentive some owners to bring their houses back into use. The data suggests that there is not a very significant issue in relation to very
	Long term Vacant (Fe	-	hs)						long term empties. 118 properties have been empty for 5yrs and 31 properties empty for 10yrs
	Band A				458				
	Band B				275				
	Band C				201				
	Band D				132				
	Band E				69				
	Band F				49				
	Band G				32				
	Band H				4				
	All			1	,220				
	PLACE	Totals	BAND-	LT 1	1-6	6 -12	13-24	GT 2 yrs	
			CD	Mth	Mths	Mths	Mths		
	Brixham	307	Α	30	77	48	73	79	
	Brixham	99	А	18	23	14	20	24	
	Brixham	92	В	5	25	13	20	29	
	Brixham	50	С	5	15	14	9	7	
	Brixham	32	D	2	8	1	13	8	
	Brixham	12	E	0	4	2	2	4	
	Brixham	13	F	0	1	3	4	5	
	Brixham	9	G	0	1	1	5	2	
	Paignton	703	Α	70	242	125	146	120	
	Paignton	277	A	30	94	50	49	54	
	Paignton	170	В	22	66	27	27	28	
	Paignton	133	С	10	49	21	35	18	

Question	Data								Commentary
	Paignton	82	D	3	22	19	24	14	
	Paignton	33	E	3	8	7	10	5	
	Paignton	6	F	2	3	0	0	1	
	Paignton	2	G	0	0	1	1	0	
	Torquay	1,252	Α	145	478	232	212	185	
	Torquay	545	А	75	223	107	65	75	
	Torquay	272	В	32	109	52	44	35	
	Torquay	200	С	24	79		38	23	
	Torquay	97	D	7	37		17	23	
	Torquay	58	E	3	16		14	14	
	Torquay	47	F	3	8		19	7	
	Torquay	27	G	1	4		14	5	
	Torquay	6	Н	0	2	-	1	3	
		2,262		245	797	405	431	384	
Question Six									
						•	operties l		Please note that whilst it has been possible to provide
The length of time			verage no			Torbay 1	•	5 - 31	the data above it is worth noting that often landlords
taken for housing association voids to be			ark prope		Let	Ma	rch 2018		get around to updating the Devon Home Choice system sometime after an applicant has actually
occupied.	Aster Grou	р	23				2		moved in so this may skew the figures slightly. It is also
	Liverty		12				35		worth mentioning that whilst the Council would want a
	Sanctuary		56				236		landlord to be efficient with their shortlisting/
	Stonewate	r	10	5			12		verification process, taking a shorter time might not
	Guinness		56	5			6		necessarily be better if it is at the expense of a proper
	Westward		96	5	133				process (e.g. of checking for any required local
	Sovereign		46	5			36		connection, or doing a thorough verification etc.).
ļ	Total		74			460			

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Agenda Item 7



Meeting: Housing Rental Company Committee Date: 23rd April 2018

Wards Affected: All

Report Title: Housing Monitoring and Performance Framework

Is the decision a key decision? No

When does the decision need to be implemented?

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1. **Proposal and Introduction**

1.1 The Housing Monitoring and Performance Framework Dashboard brings together key monitoring information on housing from across the Council. Information will be reported to the Housing Rental Company Company in the form of a series of performance dashboards to illustrate progress and highlight any exceptions. The Framework will bring together existing data reported by Planning, Housing Options, TDA| and council commissioners of Adult Social Care Services to inform analysis of housing need, demand, supply and delivery. Where possible performance will be benchmarked against similar local authorities.

2. Reason for Proposal

- 2.1 Data on housing delivery is collected in various different teams, both within and outside the Council. Data is collected on different timescales and for different purposes. Affordable housing 'live' monitoring is undertaken by the TDA who maintain a database that can be used to generate reports on Affordable Housing Delivery and the current pipeline of future Affordable Housing Sites. This information will feed into the Planning and Housing Delivery Dashboard along with data that is reported to Homes England.
- 2.2 Planning staff monitor housing delivery in a wider sense, and assess housing delivery performance against the Local Plan targets. The availability of a Five Year housing land supply of is a key target for planning. The Local Plan targets have themselves been informed by Housing Needs Assessment that form part of the

evidence base for the Plan. In Torbay Neighbourhood Plans were expected to play a key role in housing delivery through the allocation of additional sites for new development.

- 2.3 The council's commissioning teams (in conjunction with the ICO) collect information on the need and demand for housing for people with particular care needs and those we have a duty to assist including, information on the number of care leavers requiring housing support. Similarly Housing Options collect data on empty homes and HMO licensing. The Council also has access to information about waiting lists from Devon Home Choice (for social/affordable housing) and HomeBuy South West for shared ownership properties.
- 2.4 The proposed Housing Monitoring and Performance Framework Dashboards will bring together data around Key Performance Indicators in relation to housing from across the Council in suite of dashboards covering:
 - Dashboard One: Commissioned Services, Homelessness and Housing
 - Dashboard Two: Housing Standards, Aids and Adaptations
 - Dashboard Three: Housing Delivery and Planning

The current draft Dashboards present the most up to data currently available. Most indicators can be benchmarked against CIPFA family group on an annual basis. Where possible this will be included in the annual dashboard.

3. Recommendation(s) / Proposed Decision

- 3.1 It is recommended that:
 - the format of the Housing Delivery and Monitoring Framework Dashboards are agreed.
 - the dashboards are presented to HRCC quarterly. The annual report will enable the dashboards to draw together data from annual returns provided at the end of the financial year, and summarise performance against agreed targets.
 - the Housing Officer Group monitors performance on a quarterly basis to identify any areas of success to be highlighted and exceptions to be escalated to HRCC.

Background Documents

Draft Five Year Housing Land Supply Statement

http://www.torbay.gov.uk/media/10979/5yrssupply.pdf

Local Plan Evidence and Monitoring

http://www.torbay.gov.uk/council/policies/planning-policies/evidence-base-and-monitoring/

Devon Home Choice Monitoring Reports

https://www.devonhomechoice.com/useful-information-0#Monitoring_reports

Annex One: Housing Monitoring and Performance Framework Dashboards

Housing Monitoring and Performance Framework Dashboard One: Commissioned Services, Homelessness and Housing

	Target	Indicator	Value	Time period	Where this information is kept	Who provides information	Trend	England value	Comparator grp value*	Comments
с	ommissi	oned services								
L	eonard S	tocks Centre								
	95%	Utilisation of accommodation	100.0%	2016/17	Performance returns sent to Commissioners	Commissioned service		N/A		Contract started during 2015/16 so not a full year of data
	250%	Throughput (Total number of clients as a % of the capacity of the service)	375.0%	2016/17	Performance returns sent to Commissioners	Commissioned service	Nomoningful	N/A		Contract started during 2015/16 so not a full year of data
		% who obtain stable settled accommodation- upon departure from the service	65.2%	2016/17	Performance returns sent to Commissioners	Commissioned service	No meaningful trend data as only 2 full years of data or less due to change	N/A		Contract started during 2015/16 so not a full year of data
Т	orbay Do	omestic Abuse Service					in Provider/service			
	95%	Utilisation of accommodation	80.9%	2016/17	Performance returns sent to Commissioners	Commissioned service		N/A		
	100%	Obtain safe and secure accommodation- upon departure from the service	98.7%	2016/17	Performance returns sent to Commissioners	Commissioned service		N/A		
Y	oung De	von							-	
	95%	Utilisation of accommodation	89.5%	2016/17	Performance returns sent to Commissioners	Commissioned service	No previous year of data due to service change in mid 2015/16	N/A		Other Young People's and Families services- Young Parents Service and Torbay Foyer started mid 2017/18

Target	Indicator	Value	Time period	Where this information is kept	Who provides information	Trend	England value	Comparator grp value*	RAG rating	Comments
Supporte	d living									
	Number entering supported living	See comment								Data available fron 2018/19, not 2017/1
Extra care	housing						-			
	Number moved into Extra Care Housing	18	2017/18	Torbay and South Devon NHS	oundation Trust		N/A			
	Number on the waiting list for Extra Care Housing	8	31/03/2018	Torbay and South Devon NHS I	oundation Trust		N/A			
Homeless	sness	•					1	•		
Rough sle	eeper count									
	Count (some years were estimates)	24	Autumn 2017	https://www.gov.uk/governm ent/statistical-data-sets/live-	Local Authority (LA)		N/A			
	Rate per 1000 households	0.39	Autumn 2017	tables-on-homelessness	LA		0.20			
Accepted	as homeless and in priority need									
	Count	166	2016/17	https://www.gov.uk/governm ent/statistical-data-sets/live-	LA- Housing Options		N/A			
	Number per 1000 households	2.72	2016/17	tables-on-homelessness	LA- Housing Options		2.54			
Househol	lds accommodated by the authority									
	Count of households in temporary accommodation	71	31-Mar-17	https://www.gov.uk/governm ent/statistical-data-sets/live-	LA- Housing Options	$\overline{\mathbf{A}}$	N/A			
	Number per 1000 households	1.16	31-Mar-17	tables-on-homelessness	LA- Housing Options	\sim	3.32			
Cases of h	nomelessness prevention						-			
	Count	415	2016/17	https://www.gov.uk/governm ent/statistical-data-sets/live-	LA- Housing Options		N/A			
	Rate per 1000 households	6.79	2016/17	tables-on-homelessness	LA- Housing Options		8.62			

Target	Indicator	Value	Time period	Where this information is kept	Who provides information	Trend	England value	Comparator grp value*		Comments
Housing r	egister		penou	nept	momuton		Value	Bib value	Tuting	
Househol	ds registered with Devon Home Choice									
	Count of households in housing need (Bands A-D)	1,073	03-Apr-18	https://www.devonhomechoi ce.com/useful-information-0	Devon Home Choice	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	N/A			Quarterly trend
Adult soc	ial care outcomes framework indicators									
75%	ASC-1G: The proportion of adults with learning disabilities who live in their own home or with their family	77.1%	2016/17	http://www.content.digital.n	Torbay & South Devon NHS Foundation Trust		76.2%			
	ASC-1H*: Proportion of adults in contact with secondary mental health services who live independently, with or without support	39%	2016/17	hs.uk/catalogue/PUB30122	Mental Health Services Data Set		54%			See ** below for reasons to view values with caution
* Value o	f comparator group of Local Authorities to be added where	possible in	n the annual	update of this dashboard in the	Summer	· · · · · ·				
** Centra the datas	l Government suspended ASC-1H in 2016/17 due to issues v et	with compl	eteness & qı	uality of the data. Caution shoul	d be taken when o	comparing 2015/16 and	d 2016/17 fig	gures with pre	vious ye	ears due to changes in

Housing Monitoring and Performance Framework Dashboard Two: Housing Standards, Aids and Adaptations

Target	Indicator	Value	Time period	Where this information is kept	Who provides information	Trend	England value	Comparator grp value*	RAG rating	Comments		
Housing	g standards	gipvalue	Taung									
	Number of licensed HMOs	75	Apr-2018	http://www.torbay. gov.uk/registers	Local Authority		N/A					
	Number of enforcement actions	Awaiting data			Local Authority		N/A					
	Number of long term vacant dwellings (6+ months)	1,220	Feb 2018**		Local Authority	and the second s	N/A					
Disable	isabled Facilities Grants (DFGs)											
	Number of completed cases	Awaiting data			Local Authority		N/A					
	Actual annual spend on DFGs	Awaiting data			Local Authority		N/A					
	% spent of the annual DFG budget	Awaiting data			Local Authority		N/A					
Commu	inity equipment											
	Number of different clients served	3,818	2017/18	Provided by the cor	nmissioned service		N/A					
* Value	of comparator group of Local Authorities to	be added	where possib	ple in the annual upda	ate of this dashboard	n the Summer						
**This 2	2018 figure is not directly comparable with p	revious ye	ars because (of seasonal variations	- the figure is normal	y provided for Octo	ber of the ye	ear				

Housing Monitoring and Performance Framework Dashboard Three: Housing Delivery and Planning

Target	Indicator	Value	Time period	Where this information is kept	Who provides information	Trend	England value	Comparator grp value*	RAG rating	Comments
5 year lan	nd supply		-					·		
	5 year land supply	4.2 years	2017/18	Local Authority- Planning			N/A			
Delivery										
	% of sites delivered that are brownfield	63%	2016/17	Local Authority- Planning						
75	Number of affordable homes delivered (gross)	26	2017/18	Torbay Development Agency			N/A			
	Number of affordable homes delivered- Social rent	5	2017/18	Torbay Develop	ment Agency		N/A			
	Number of affordable homes delivered- Intermediate rent	7	2017/18	Torbay Develop	ment Agency		N/A			
	Number of affordable homes delivered- Shared ownership	14	2017/18	Torbay Develop	ment Agency		N/A			
	Number of affordable homes delivered- Other**	N/A		Torbay Development Agency			N/A			
	f comparator group of Local Authorities to be add	led where	possible in	the annual update of t	his dashboard in th	e Summer				
**Other-	To reflect new NPPF definition going forward									



Meeting: Housing Rental Company Committee Date: 23rd April 2018

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Is the decision a key decision? No (delete as appropriate)

When does the decision need to be implemented?

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1. **Proposal and Introduction**

- 1.1 This report provides a further update on changes to Government policy and funding that may impact on the delivery of the Council's Housing Strategy.
- 1.2 The government is currently consulting on changes to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and other supporting documents. The NPPF covers a wide range of planning areas including, but not limited to housing. The Strategic Planning team will lead the work on the Council's NPPF response and the other supporting documentation out for consultation with other officers from across the Council and the TDA feeding in as required. A summary of the key proposals is included which highlights key impacts for Torbay if the changes indicated in the consultation where implemented in their current form.
- 1.3 The Government has also announced a new package of measures to tackle rough sleeping. This accompanies the new Homeless Prevention Duties which came in this month.
- 1.4 The Council was successful is funding from the Land Release Fund to help unlock sites
- 1.5 The Government's response to the Supported Housing Consultation is still awaited

2 Proposed Decision

2.1 That the Director of Adult Services and Housing ensure that actions to accommodate these proposed changes are incorporated into the refreshed Housing Strategy Action Plan 18-19.

3. Reason for Decision

3.1 To ensure the Council makes best of use of resources to meet its ambition and objectives and is able to respond efficiently and effectively to newly identified opportunities and policy context.

Supporting Information

4 National Planning Policy Framework Consultation

- 4.1 The draft NPPF sets out the Government's objective of significantly boosting the supply of housing, but also sets out government policy on a wide range of other planning matters. The NPPF does not replace statutory development plans (i.e. local and neighbourhood plans); but these plans must have regard to the NPPF.
- 4.2 The draft NPPF is one of a suite of documents published as a result of the Housing White paper ("Fixing our broken housing market" (Feb 2017). Key matters relating to housing are considered (upon an initial read) to be:
- The Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development is reiterated. A closed list of matters that over-ride the Presumption is specified (in the present NPPF the list is open ended).
- Reiteration of advice that the need for a full range of housing should be assessed (including for affordable housing, families with children, older people, students, people with disabilities etc.
- The introduction of a standardised methodology for calculating objectively assessed need. The government's draft methodology indicates a need for 588 dwellings per year in Torbay (more than the current Local Plan requirement of 495 dpa).
- Needs that cannot be met in an area may be meet in neighbouring areas (para61). However existing advice on housing market areas and functional economic market areas has been dropped. This issue will be key for Torbay because it begs the question whether we should ask neighbouring authorities to accommodate any of Torbay's need, in the context of the emerging greater Exeter Strategic Plan (GESP).
- The draft NPPF contains a stronger emphasis on providing affordable housing than the 2012 NPPF(para 63), and expects onsite provision unless off site contributions can be robustly justified and create mixed and balanced communities.
- A minimum threshold for affordable housing of 10 dwellings (5 in designated rural areas i.e. AONB in Torbay) is imposed. The Government has been trying to impose this for some years, but has run into legal difficulties.
- At least 10% of major sites should usually be for "affordable home ownership" (para 64), as part of the overall provision of affordable housing.
- Greater role for Neighbourhood Plans- Planning authorities should give a housing figure for Neighbourhood Plans to meet (66-67), although there is no requirement for Neighbourhood Plan to include allocations for housing
- Advice on identifying housing land supply, maintaining five years supply of deliverable sites and longer term trajectory of developable sites is reiterated.

- Emphasis on small sites: 20% of sites should be smaller than half a hectare. Tools such as local development orders, encouragement of windfalls and exception sites, should be used to bring small sites forward.
- Some (qualified) support for larger scale developments.
- Reiteration and clarification of the requirement to maintain a rolling five year supply of housing, plus a buffer of 5%, 10% or 20%. 10% or 20% buffer likely to apply in most cases. Note that the definition of `"deliverable" sites has changed (p64) which will make it more difficult to use sites which do not have detailed planning permission as part of five year supply.
- Where 5 year supply cannot be shown, the Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development applies (para 72, PSD is at para 11). This codifies the Supreme Court's ruling on the operation of five year supply. Neighbourhood Plans enjoy protection if there is a three year supply.
- Introduction of a Housing Delivery Test: where delivery falls below 95% of the requirement over three years, an action plan must be prepared to explain the under-delivery and identify actions to increase delivery.
- Consideration of conditions requiring early commencement of development.
- Support for rural housing where it would support local rural communities.
- Proposed changes to the calculation of Viability to standardise assessments and methodology and emphasis assessment of viability at plan making stage. This is welcomed as it should reduce developers' ability to avoid affordable housing obligations on the grounds of viability.
- Review of S106 Obligations and Community Infrastructure Levy. Proposals to simplify CIL rate setting, removing S106 pooling restrictions in specified circumstances. There are additional duties for councils to publish CIL and s106 receipts.
- Changing definition of Affordable Housing to include housing for sale or rent, for those whose needs are not met by the market (including housing that provides a subsidised route to home ownership and/or is for essential local workers); and which is an Affordable Housing for Rent, Starter Homes, Discounted Market Sale or other affordable routes to home ownership. This could include Rent to Own products and entry level homes- suitable for first time buyers, or those looking to rent their first home.
- A requirement for local planning authorities to support the development of entry level exception sites homes.

5 Government Action on Rough Sleeping

5.1 It has been announced that there will be a cross-government plan of action and a commitment to halve rough sleeping by 2022 and eliminate it altogether by 2027.

The new package of measures includes:

- a new Rough Sleeping Team made up of rough sleeping and homelessness experts, drawn from, and funded by government departments and agencies with specialist knowledge across a wide-range of areas from housing, mental health to addiction
- a £30 million fund for 2018 to 2019 with further funding agreed for 2019 to 2020 targeted at local authorities with high numbers of people sleeping rough; the Rough Sleeping Team will work with these areas to support them to develop tailored local interventions to reduce the number of people sleeping on the streets
- £100,000 funding to support frontline Rough Sleeping workers across the country to make sure they have the right skills and knowledge to work with vulnerable rough sleepers.

6 Land Release Funding

6.1 The Council successful in bidding for land release fund -£3.9m to unlock sites particularly on Council's land in Paignton. The funding will deliver off site highways, drainage improvements and accesses to unlock the sites for future development. It is widely recognised that the cost and extend of infrastructure required to unlock sites is a key issue for viability and deliverability of sites'

Background Documents

NPPF Consultation Proposals

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/685288/NPPF_ Consultation.pdf

NPPF Draft Text for consultation

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/685289/Draft_revised_National_Planning_Policy_Framework.pdf

Draft Planning Practice Guidance

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/687239/Draft_pl anning_practice_guidance.pdf

Housing Delivery Test- Draft Measurement Rule Book

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/685292/Housin g_Delivery_Test_Measurement_Rule_Book.pdf

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Letwin Review of Build-Out Rates Interim Update

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