

HOUSING STRATEGY

UPDATED ACTION PLAN 2017/18

An annual Review of the Wirral Plan and Pledges has recently taken place to consider progress and impact so far; and to ensure that future priorities and actions remain fit for purpose. The refreshed Action Plans for 2017/18 can be found [here](#)

HOUSING ACTION PLAN 17/18

| PRIORITY 1: BUILDING MORE HOMES IN WIRRAL TO MEET OUR ECONOMIC GROWTH AMBITIONS | | |
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| Action | By When | Lead |
| Cabinet Approval of final Core Strategy Local Plan and submission to Secretary of State | March 2018 | Wirral Council |
| To conduct a wider review of potential development options to identify housing sites to support the delivery of new homes in the Borough | April 2017 – October 2017 | Wirral Council/ Wirral One Public Estate Board |
| Establish a dedicated Housing Growth Team to support Private Sector and Registered Provider partners to accelerate development | April 2017 - September 2017 | Wirral Council |
| Undertake a feasibility review of the opportunity to deliver housing via a new company or delivery model | April 2017 - March 2018 | Wirral Council |
| Deliver Wirral's 2016-2021 Shared Ownership and Affordable Housing Programme which will deliver 283 new affordable homes by 2021 | April 2017 - March 2021 | Homes and Communities Agency / Wirral Council |

| PRIORITY 2: IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF WIRRAL'S HOUSING OFFER FOR OUR RESIDENTS | | |
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| Action | By When | Lead |
| Reduce fuel poverty and increase disposable income for vulnerable households through targeted energy programmes | April 2017 - March 2020 | Energy Plus Projects |
| Inspect all homes requiring mandatory or additional licensing for compliance | July 2016 - March 2020 | Wirral Council |
| Reduce the number of homes with serious hazards to provide more warmer, safer homes | April 2016 - March 2020 | Wirral Council |

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| Review the current Selective Licensing Scheme and complete a feasibility study on the potential to extend the Scheme | Feb 2017 - March 2020 | Wirral Council |
| Identify opportunities to design and plan the introduction of models of 'assisted' and 'smart home' technology | April 2017 - March 2020 | Wirral Council/ Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service |
| Undertake a Private sector Stock Condition Survey to inform future Housing Strategy and service delivery | September 2017- June 2018 | Wirral Council |

| PRIORITY 3: MEETING THE HOUSING AND SUPPORT NEEDS OF OUR MOST VULNERABLE PEOPLE TO ENABLE THEM TO LIVE INDEPENDENTLY | | |
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| Action | By When | Lead |
| Commence homelessness review to inform the development of the 2018-2023 Homelessness Strategy | October 17 - September 18 | Wirral Council |
| Review and evaluate the Liverpool City Region Asylum Seeker Dispersal Programme and Syrian Person Resettlement Programme | April 2017 – September 2017 | Liverpool City Region Asylum & Syrian Refugee Co- ordinator/Wirral Council |
| Work with all partners to monitor the range and cumulative impact of welfare reforms, co-ordinate an impact assessment and develop effective responses | April 2017 – March 2018 | Wirral Strategic Welfare Reform Working Group |
| Undertake pilot for delivery of enhanced sheltered provision to increase housing options for older people | April 2017- March 2018 | Wirral Council |
| Contribute to the delivery of a pilot LCR specialist accommodation based support service for domestic abuse | April 2017 – March 2018 | LCR Homelessness Working Group |
| Deliver LCR Homelessness offer as part of Trailblazer approach | April 17 – March 2020 | LCR Homelessness Working Group |

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| Commission new services for homelessness and socially excluded groups in line with commissioning plan | January 2017 – December 2017 | Wirral Council |
| Work with Registered Providers and private companies to deliver 300 additional Extra care homes | Oct 2014 - March 2018 | Wirral Council |
| Establish a clear Learning Disabilities Strategy for commissioning to ensure current and future housing needs of people with Learning disabilities are addressed | March 2017 – March 2018 | Wirral Council |
| Develop a Supported Housing Strategy for all vulnerable groups | April 2017 – March 2018 | Wirral Council |