

Number	Action	Lead Team	Timescale for completion
Priority 1- to increase the supply of new and affordable housing we will:			
1	Work with appropriate partners to explore the opportunities and feasibility of joint ventures which will increase the supply of affordable housing and present a report to Executive Councillor for Housing on the findings.	SLT	December 2018
2	Explore all potential sources of external funding for housing and infrastructure where opportunities exist, especially from the Homes England and support bids accordingly.	Strategic Housing	Ongoing
3	Identify any stalled development sites and explore whether investment from the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) could accelerate housing delivery or increase the level of affordable housing.	Strategic Housing	October 2018
4	Support communities exploring the potential for increasing the provision of affordable housing in their communities through the creation of initiatives such as Neighbourhood/Community Plans, Community Land Trusts and Community Right to Build.	Strategic Planning	Ongoing
5	Explore the opportunities available to attract funding from CPCA for rural communities in Huntingdonshire to establish Community Land Trusts and develop new homes.	Strategic Housing	December 2018
6	Enable the provision of new affordable housing to help meet local needs including specialist and supported housing needs through section 106 and other sources.	Strategic Housing	Ongoing
7	Promote the new exceptions site policy in the Local Plan to landowners, developers and Registered Providers through proactive engagement.	Strategic Housing	Ongoing
8	Maintain a 5-year land supply position.	Strategic Planning	Ongoing
9	Ensure our approach to Community Infrastructure Levy is used creatively to enable housing growth.	Strategic Planning	Ongoing
10	Work in partnership with the developers and housing associations to positively influence the development of the large strategic sites at Alconbury Weald and St Neots.	Strategic Planning	Ongoing
11	Maintain a register for custom and self build housing.	Strategic Planning	Ongoing

12	Use statutory enforcement powers, where appropriate, to reduce the number of empty homes in the district.	Development Management	Ongoing
Priority 2 – To identify housing need and improve health and wellbeing we will:			
13	Prevent homelessness through a range of interventions including advice and assistance / landlord liaison / court advocacy / rent deposit schemes.	Housing Needs	Ongoing
14	Increase the provision of temporary accommodation by providing an additional 10 units per year to help meet the needs of homeless households.	Housing Needs	Ongoing
15	Prepare an annual report for Executive Councillor analysing the need identified on the housing register and monitor the provision of new and proposed temporary accommodation or affordable housing to ensure it meets evidenced need.	Strategic Housing	March 2019
16	Prepare a position statement for Executive Councillor identifying demand for different types of new supported and specialist housing schemes and use this report to maximise opportunities to deliver new affordable housing through active engagement and promotion of the findings with RPs, developers and Planners.	Strategic Housing	March 2019
17	Contribute to the County wide review of Housing Related Support being undertaken by Cambridgeshire County Council to support the best possible outcome for customers and providers in Huntingdonshire.	Strategic Housing	September 2018
18	Ensure we have a 5 year supply of Gypsy and Traveller sites.	Strategic Planning	Ongoing
Priority 3 – To improve housing conditions in existing housing we will:			
19	Improve private sector housing conditions through inspection and enforcement / tackling category 1 and 2 hazards / licensing HMOs where applicable / tackling illegal eviction.	Community	Ongoing
20	Promote good housing management standards through the organisation of twice yearly Private Landlord Forums.	Strategic Housing	December 2018
21	Contribute to the nationwide database of rogue landlords and utilise the enforcement powers, such as banning orders and civil penalties, introduced by the Housing and Planning Act 2016, where appropriate.	Community	Ongoing
22	Investigate and tackle anti-social behaviour in association with the Police and other appropriate partners, including Housing Associations and other landlords.	Community	Ongoing

23	Adopt enterprising new ways of working to ensure HDC makes best use of the available Disabled Facilities Grants funding by implementing the findings of the multi-agency review of the DFG programme and contributing towards the introduction of preventative initiatives which reduce reliance on DFGs.	Strategic Housing	Ongoing
24	Adopt a joint Housing Adaptations policy for Cambridgeshire ensuring consistency across the area.	Strategic Housing	November 2018
25	Maintain the Safer Homes Handyperson Scheme to help meet the needs of the ageing population and monitor its progress by attending quarterly meetings with the service providers and reporting annually to Executive Councillor.	Strategic Housing	Ongoing
26	Licence and maintain standards within mobile home sites.	Community	Ongoing
27	Ensure good management of the Council's own mobile home site in St Neots.	Strategic Housing	Ongoing
28	Reduce the number of residents in fuel poverty by facilitating access to energy efficiency funding and by working with other Cambridgeshire councils and the Stay Well County Partnership.	Operations	Ongoing
Priority 4 – To work in partnership to improve conditions we will:			
29	Continue to work in partnership with neighbouring Councils and housing associations through the Cambridgeshire, Peterborough and West Suffolk Housing Board, and implement the sub-regional Action Plan.	Strategic Housing	Ongoing
30	Collaborate with neighbouring Councils in the Cambridge sub-region to develop the Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) and ensure it is a sound evidence base for the emerging Local Plan.	Strategic Planning	Ongoing
31	Manage the Home Improvement Agency shared service through representation on the Management Board.	Strategic Housing	Ongoing
32	Work with the Combined Authority to prepare and implement an overarching Housing Strategy for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and contribute to new initiatives which accelerate and increase housing growth.	Strategic Housing	Ongoing