

**Supporting Paper 2: East Lothian Local Housing Strategy 2018-23 –
Key Achievements of the East Lothian Local Housing Strategy (LHS) 2012-17**

Outcome 1 – Increase housing supply & improve access to housing including affordable housing		
Action	Progress	Completion Date
Provide a detailed assessment of the need and demand for different affordable housing tenures	HNDA2 complete and approved as 'robust and credible' by the Scottish Government	March 2015
	Independent research commissioned by the Council and completed by Retties 'Researching the need and demand for alternative tenures in East Lothian'	June 2015
Improve knowledge and understanding of the private housing market	HNDA2 complete and approved as 'robust and credible' by the Scottish Government	March 2015
Review the Council's planning policy for affordable housing and its associated Guidance note	Supplementary Guidance on Affordable Housing prepared alongside Housing Technical Note and Statement of Conformity	Summer 2016
Explore new ways of facilitating the funding of affordable housing	The Council launched its own affordable discounted sale model in 2015 and has delivered 72 properties to date The Council is Continuing to consider new proposed funding models.	Ongoing
Engage in partnership working to maximise efficiencies and increase delivery of affordable housing	Continuing to engage with RSL's and private developers as appropriate. Mid-Market Rent introduced to East Lothian / LAR	Ongoing
Facilitate delivery of the Scottish Government's Housing Investment Programme	Grant subsidy has increased over the last 3 years and the Council continued to maximise this investment	Ongoing
Deliver the Council's new build housing investment programme	380 new build Council properties for rent delivered between 2012/13-2016/17	Ongoing

Examine opportunities to work with partners to overcome funding and infrastructure constraints	Pinkie Mains development unlocked by front funding the education contribution in lieu of affordable housing. The Council is also looking at opportunities to tap into the Scottish Government's infrastructure fund, however this does not fund education which is the biggest constraint for East Lothian.	Ongoing
Set up an asset disposal framework with Community Planning partners to improve release of land for affordable housing where appropriate	Council Corporate Asset Group established and Community Asset Management Plan in place	Ongoing
Make best use of existing housing stock	Review of allocations policy complete / Equipment and Adaptations Partnership Agreement formally agreed	Ongoing
Outcome 2: Improve the condition and where appropriate the management of existing housing stock		
Deliver the Scottish Housing Quality Standard (SHQS) by 2015 & ensure continued future investment	96% of stock meets SHQS	Carry forward to LHS 2018-23
Develop & implement a Private Sector House Condition Improvement Plan using findings from the Private Sector Stock Condition Survey (2011)	Approved Plan in place, but Private Sector Housing Team no longer in place to deliver. Review of plan required, given Council restructure	Carry forward to LHS 2018-23
Investigate the feasibility of extending the Scheme of Assistance to include initiatives which encourage regular maintenance of private sector housing	Changes to Scheme of Assistance approved May 2013. Update of Scheme required given realignment of Council services	Carry forward to LHS 2018-23
Investigate the feasibility of the Council facilitating access to an accessible lending product for households carrying out repairs, maintenance or adaptations	Empty homes loan fund in place. No loans have been taken out & Council resources reduced.	Remove action
Respond to carbon reduction requirements / targets in relation to housing stock	A wide range of energy efficiency projects implemented across all tenures	Ongoing
Maximise use of resources to increase installation of carbon reduction measures across all tenures including energy efficiency / renewable technologies	HEEPS: ABS energy efficiency projects in place. Eco-funding levered in as appropriate.	Ongoing

Put in place mechanisms to assess performance & customer satisfaction with social housing & related services in accordance with Social Housing Charter	Monitoring framework in place & ongoing reporting to Regulator. Programme in place for reviewing customer satisfaction & comprehensive satisfaction survey every 3 years. Review of performance management framework complete	Ongoing
Ensure good quality social housing estates by implementing a programme of estate inspections & take appropriate action where necessary	Estate inspections underway & completed in accordance with targets. Process has been reviewed & refined & recommendations taken forward by Project Group	Ongoing
Monitor impact of Welfare Reform while ensuring that rent arrears are effectively recovered & levels of arrears reduced	Corporate working groups established to address Welfare Reform related issues. Issues log established to highlight operational issues. Poverty Commission established and report published	Ongoing
Outcome 3 – Fewer People Become Homeless		
Improve knowledge & understanding of homelessness among single adults	Not progressed	Carry forward to LHS 2018-23
Assess the need for specialist supported accommodation & non-accommodation based services	Housing Need Assessment for Specialist Housing & Related Services for Particular Needs Groups drafted	To be approved alongside LHS 2018-23
Develop services & initiatives which tackle the social exclusion, isolation & health needs of vulnerable homeless people	New service in place to deliver accommodation & support services for women fleeing domestic violence. Working group established to assess & provide for housing & emergency provision for young people leaving care. Starter flats developed as temporary accommodation for young care leavers	Ongoing
Develop a range of measures to prevent homelessness including provision of tenancy support to help sustain tenancies	Housing options advice provided through East Hub & housing options advice training being rolled out & implemented by ELC Community Housing Team	Ongoing
Promote access into employment & training for homeless households	East Lothian Works established - one stop shop for employability	Ongoing

	Funding for Bridges Project Employability post continued	
Review existing private sector leasing scheme & rent deposit guarantee scheme	PSL retendered & Orchard & Shipman appointed to provide service	Ongoing
Outcome 4 - People with particular needs are able to access & sustain their choice of housing including independent living where appropriate		
Establish systems to enable ongoing analysis of data in relation to particular needs groups & undertake annual analysis	Key issues & gaps identified via comprehensive needs assessment & processes in place to address gaps	Ongoing
Develop initiatives to address the current & future housing / housing support needs of particular needs groups using the findings from the Housing & Housing Support Needs Assessment 2010/11	Needs Assessment to be approved as part of a suite of documents comprising LHS 2018-23	Ongoing
Review the provision of new build affordable housing for particular needs groups & set a supply target for the provision of future stock	Housing Need Assessment for Specialist Housing & Related Services for Particular Needs Groups drafted	To be approved alongside LHS 2018-23
Improve joint working to ensure housing integrated into the strategic planning for particular needs groups	Terms of reference established for Housing Theme Group & housing links established to IJB group structure	Ongoing
Work in partnership with ELC Adult Social Care & others to develop housing support services with a focus on preventative support	Range of schemes in place i.e. HILDA, telecare house	Ongoing
Outcome 5- Fewer People Live in Fuel Poverty		
Improve knowledge of the levels, extent & nature of fuel poverty	Fuel poverty mapping carried out for ELC & areas identified as having high levels of fuel poverty targeted with intervention projects	Ongoing
Continue to facilitate services to maximise household income & reduce household debt	Households provided with income maximisation & debt advice, via ESSAC or specialist outreach services	Ongoing
Energy efficiency advice is targeted at households most at risk of fuel poverty	Advice service retendered with a focus on operational efficiency and targeting households most at risk	Ongoing
Reduce the cost of fuel to households & communities where practical, via a range of mechanisms	ELEAS & other outreach services provide advice to households on fuel switching	Ongoing

	EL has undergone a programme of fuel switching heating systems from solid fuel & electrically heated properties to lower cost heating systems including gas & air source heat pumps	
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