

Appendix D - Outline structure for the draft Denbighshire's Housing and Homelessness strategy

Denbighshire's Draft Housing and Homelessness Strategy 2020-2025

Ensuring that everyone is supported to live in homes that meet their needs

**Forward – Lead Member for Housing
Introduction**

Vision and aspiration

Everyone is supported with pride to live in homes that meet their needs, within the vibrant and sustainable communities Denbighshire aspires to

Local context – our County

This information will be fully revised with the latest statistical information. To include demographic profile for the County (population, age profile, ethnicity, long-term health problems or disabilities) and trends and forecasts; tenure and housing mix; affordability; housing supply; house prices; homelessness; empty homes; Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation; fuel poverty; stock condition.

National/ regional context

Brief outline of guidance, plans & strategies and trends impacting on housing strategy

What have we achieved?

Outline of key achievements of previous Local Housing Strategy and lessons learned.

Priorities/Underlying principles

Underlying principles: supporting the local economy (links with Economic & Community Ambition Strategy), reducing inequalities, community engagement and involvement, sustainability, Welsh Language & culture, communication.

Theme 1 – More homes to meet local need and demand

- Empty homes – actions to bring back into use
- Delivery of market housing to meet needs (quantity & type)
- Bringing forward sites through a proactive approach – unlocking stalled sites, land assembly, pre-planning application advice, development briefs, public sector land
- Identifying infrastructure needs
- Gypsies and Travellers needs
- On-going monitoring of need and demand

Theme 2 – Creating a supply of affordable homes

- Review of affordable housing policy
- On-going monitoring of housing market & needs
- Set targets for affordable housing delivery
- How to support public sector delivery
- How to support private sector delivery
- New models for delivery & for funding
- Links to Economic Ambition Strategy & improved income levels

Theme 3 – Ensuring safe and healthy homes

- Welsh Housing Quality Standards
- Private rented sector - Landlord registration and licensing
- Space standards and design – lifetime homes
- Fuel poverty
- Enforcement – standards in private sector, licensing & inspection of HMOs, local initiatives
- Disabled facilities grants & other assistance

Theme 4 – Preventing and addressing homelessness

- Homelessness prevention and housing options
- Opportunities and options for young people
- Advice and support
- Single Access Route to Housing

Theme 5 – Supporting people and sustainable communities

- Address ageing population issues
- Vulnerable tenants/households
- Employment & training – apprenticeships
- Community engagement
- Environmental improvements
- Eyesore sites

Delivery

Resources

Monitoring

Governance, Implementation & Review

Appendices:

- Detailed local statistics
- National & Regional context – detail
- Glossary

Action Plan:

For each action:

- **Description**
- **Priority**
- **Outcomes & benefits**
- **Resource requirements**
- **Identified partners**
- **Indicative timescales**

What's new in the revised strategy?

The housing agenda has moved on significantly since last housing strategy was adopted in December 2015 and will include a number of new elements:

- **Young people – housing options**
- **Corporate Plan will be fully integrated (2017);**
- **Greater focus on homelessness in the text and action plan;**
- **Increase focus on a corporate approach to empty homes;**
- **Climate and ecological change;**
- **Increasing the housing stock owned by Denbighshire County Council (Council Housing);**
- **Mental health and dementia;**
- **Addressing changes to the Welsh Housing Quality Standards for Council and Registered Social Landlord properties – with increased decarbonisation focus expected in 2021**