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Ryedale District Council Housing Strategy Action Plan – Progress March 2020



March 2020

ISSUE - AFFORDABILITY AND THE SUPPLY OF HOMES

Priority 1 - Work with partners to increase the supply of good quality new housing across all tenures and locations (in line with Local Plans/site allocations)

PROPOSALS	CORE ACTIVITIES	RYEDALE PROPOSALS	PROGRESS
Double our house building rate and triple affordable	Develop and adopt Local Plans in each Local Authority area in line with National Planning Policy Framework	 Maintain and review the Local Plan Policy in line with local government changes. 	A review of the current plan will commence in 2020.
triple affordable housing delivery (compared to 2012/13 and 13/14 rates)	Trainework	 Ensure new members are trained in planning policy 	A Local Plan working group has been established with the Chair of Policy & Resources, Planning and representatives from each group.
			Training delivered as part of the corporate planning training provided for all new members. Member briefings are arranged as and when required in response to national policy changes
	Continue to work closely with Local Enterprise Partnerships to identify opportunities to enable new housing and via the Local Growth Fund	 Work with the Housing Board to ensure other Local Authorities meet housing targets 	RDC delivered 100 affordable homes in 18/19. Ryedale is one of the better performing authorities in the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) area in terms of achieving the housing targets set out in the Local Plan. RDC achieved 185 completions in 18/19, far exceeding the cumulative annual target over the last five years.
	Explore new funding delivery models to increase housing supply as opportunities arise - Homes England (HE)/Communities and Local Government initiatives	 Meet regularly with HE to ascertain delivery models available 	Update at Housing Board and Chief Housing Officers Group (CHOG) Investment Partner Briefings.
		 Development Officer (DO) to work closely with Registered Providers (RPs) to ensure bids reflective of Council's housing needs 	Discussions held with RPs through continuous market engagement
	Introduction of Housing and Planning Act 2016	 Assess impact of Starter Homes, Right to Buy (RTB), rents, for high income tenants, reducing regulation of RP's, security of tenure, planning 	Pilots running across the Country. No real impact for Ryedale. Monitor implication of changes to National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and definition of affordable housing.

	Council to consider direct housing provision where appropriate.	 Officers putting together a business plan looking at the option of purchase / repair and working in partnership with RPs 	Direct provision - Members decision Sept 2016 Investigating the options for a 5 year housing investment programme. Report to Strategic Management Board.
	Set and monitor targets for market and affordable development in annual action plans	 Provide local data for monitoring to the YNYER Board as well as the Rural Housing Network 	Provided on a quarterly basis
	Identify public sector land suitable for housing and work with partners and the HE to bring forward development	 Small sites identified by Ryedale District Council for market sale, ensuring capital receipts toward affordable housing delivery 	Feasibilities on Wentworth St & Ryedale House site currently on hold
	Work closely with the HE on delivery of funding commitments and to secure new funding for the area	 Monitor development programmes with HE and partner RPs 	Completed quarterly
	Maintain and strengthen relationships with delivery partners including house builders, developers, landowners, agents, Registered Providers and communities.	 Undertake an annual development road show and support a rural event on an annual basis 	RHE participates on an annual basis. Members invited
	Work closely with RPs to support the development of new affordable housing funded via the Affordable Homes Programme 2015-18	 Registered Providers Forum Regular one to one meeting with partners regarding specific sites 	Ongoing - One scheme with Broadacres for 56 homes due for completion March 2020. Regular attendance at Rural Housing Network in Northallerton and the Scarborough and Ryedale Rural Housing Enablers Forum.
Help to get Local Plans in place (in line with Y, NY & ER Growth Deal requirement)	Site Allocations Development Plan Documents etc. to be in place	- The Council's Local Development Plan schedules the formal publication of the Local Plans Sites Document and Policies Map in January 2016 with submission for examination in July 2016 and adoption in July 2017	Adopted June 2019. Review to commence 2020
	Work Closely with Planning Officers Groups /Development Plans Forum to identify barriers to getting plans in place.	 Corporate housing group to monitor progression on a bi-monthly basis 	Housing Services Manager (HSM) attends Chief Housing Officers Group (CHOG). Head of Planning & Regulatory Services (HPRS) attends NY Planning Officers Group. Programme Director attends Housing Board

			RDC provide monitoring info on housing permissions and completions and Local Plan progress to inform performance reports to YNYER Housing Board.
	Provide peer to peer support and mentoring via the Board	 Attendance at the Housing Board, both officer and member 	Ongoing. Cllr Caroline Goodrick attends Housing Board Meetings for RDC with support from Programme Director
Ensure that new housing development provides jobs, skills and apprenticeships	Work with the LEPs in our area to increase jobs, training and skills in the construction industry and related sectors	 Support LEP-wide initiatives to address construction skills in partnership with YNYER Housing Board, together with bespoke investment at colleges accessible to Ryedale 	YNYER LEP Skills Support for the Workforce programme has Construction as a priority sector to receive fully funded training
for local people	Use our relationships with house builders and RPs and developers to support and encourage the use of local labour, apprenticeships and businesses.	 Investigate the tender process with RPs to encourage inclusion as part of their procurement 	NYCC Apprenticeship Levy Transfer is available for Construction businesses to apply for contributions towards training costs
	Enable self and custom build opportunities where appropriate	 Provide information sheets for inclusion on website regarding different products available 	Ongoing and website kept up to date by Planning Policy team
	Use opportunities for Community Land Trusts (CLT) and similar models to ensure local training and job opportunities	 RHE to promote the CLT's to parish Councils through the Parish Council Liaison meetings 	YNYER Community Hub developed to assist with the delivery of projects. The Hub is now called REACH which stands for Resources and Advice for Community Housing. Working with CFY to progress potential sites in Ryedale. Targeting specific parishes; Nawton, Sinnington, Rosedale, Slingsby, Welburn, Swinton, Lockton, Appleton-le-Moors, Middleton/Aislaby and Ebberston.
Increase the number and diversity of house builders and Registered Providers to deliver new homes	Establish a York, North Yorkshire and East Riding LEP wide house builder/agent/estate agent forum.	 Provide representation at meetings from Ryedale 	Increased activity in this sector is included in proposals for a draft housing deal for YNYER that is being discussed with the HE. The final draft of this went to Directors of Development 31 st May 2018. No further update provided
	Engage with existing local and sub regional forum including the Chamber of Commerce	 Support LEP-wide initiatives to boost activity from small and medium builders, in partnership with YNYER Housing Board and Housing Builders Federation. NB this formed parts of YNYER devolution asks 	The National Housing Federation and House Builders Federation are both represented on the Housing Board for YNYER

	Engage with the local representatives of the House Builders Federation, National Housing Federation and National House Building Council Via the above, identify and engage with partners not active in the area to promote potential opportunities.	- Investigate potential marketing opportunities	RDC has 36 people registered on the Self- Build Register Senior Business Advisor will engage with local representatives to ensure potential opportunities are made known to local construction companies
	Use opportunities for CLTs and similar models to add to the diversity of providers and identify and support bids to appropriate funding streams	 Promote through information sheets Mail shot to Parish Council Attendance at Parish Council liaison meetings Provide updated information on the website 	Workshops organised by Community First Yorkshire (CFY) in Ryedale. CFY attending several Parish Councils working with the RHE to discuss CLH. Several PCs have now expressed interest after their visit and are keen to learn more. One PC needs survey is now underway. CFY meeting with RDC to review outcomes and progress of work
Maximise delivery of Affordable Housing via planning gain and other means	Develop and adopt Affordable Housing policies as part of the Local Plan in line with the requirements of the NPPF	 Develop housing and planning protocol Standardise Section 106 agreements Agree specifications, transfer prices Develop Affordable Housing pro forma 	Standard clauses implemented and incorporated into S106 Agreements
	Maximise opportunities to support Affordable Housing provision at local policy target levels and work with partners to ensure delivery and viability 	Encourage RPs to engage with Continuous Market Engagement programme with HE	Ongoing. Broadacres/Yorkshire Housing/Home Group Meetings have been held and the LEP, Housing Board and RPs are developing a unified approach to support greater delivery The RPs are developing a Compact across the area for agreement to deliver the required 1600 affordable homes on an annual basis.

	Via the above, identify and engage with RPs not active in the area to promote potential opportunities	 Engage with the RPs part of the Rural Housing Network who are not actively working within Ryedale 	Work closely with RPs across the Rural Housing Network Partnership
	Strategic approach to the funding and tackling of long term Empty Homes	 Work with RPs on potential funding opportunities 	Community Officers and Customer Service Advisors implementing the Councils aims regarding empty properties following the new operating model
		 Continue to employ P/T Empty Homes Officer 	Additional Private Sector Technical Officer recruited for 2020
		 Investigate working with Estate Agents to facilitate the sale of long term empty properties 	Priority for new Housing Technical Officer following employment
		 Develop local Empty Property Strategy 	Completed 2017. Update to be completed 2020
Increase diversity and choice in size,	Explore opportunities offered by new private rented homes and intermediate tenures	 Agree intermediate tenures as part of Supplementary Planning Guidance 	Prioritisation of Sites Document and NPPF update. Tenures agreed on a site by site basis.
type and tenure to meet the needs of our communities		 Agree with developers to sell direct to an eligible occupier 	Implemented and promoted on a site by site basis
(within the confines of welfare reform)		 Developers/ Planning to negotiate on size 	Implemented
	Understand and communicate changing size needs in relation to household formation and Welfare Reform	 Ensure RPs are prepared to accept smaller units, look at adaptable properties interchangeable at half bed 	RPs purchasing smaller S106 properties as part of the affordable allocation
	Identify and support initiatives to provide suitable accommodation for older people	 Regular meetings with North Yorkshire County Council 	Possible replacement of Malton and Pickering elderly person homes
		- 5% bungalows on sites of 50 or more	Included in the Local Plan & requested on schemes through planning consultation
		 Investigate the need to provide support in order to facilitate moving to alternative accommodation through older persons Housing Options Officer 	Alternative ways of working through Council's new operating model and partnerships with Living Well Service and White Rose Home Improvement Agency (WRHIA)

Priority 2 - Ensure the PROPOSALS	CORE ACTIVITIES Support the RHE to deliver new affordable homes per year across Ryedale	RYEDALE PROPOSALS Attendance at the Rural Housing Network	PROGRESS Ongoing. RHE and DO attend quarterly RHE Network meetings
-	CORE ACTIVITIES	RYEDALE PROPOSALS	PROGRESS
Priority 2 - Ensure th			
ISSUE - WORKING W	THIN OUR GEOGRAPHY	dal	e communities across all areas
		of SHMA through focus group	Representation provided at the ribusing
	Engage with the local representatives of the Homes Builders Federation, National Housing Federation and National House Building Council	 Launch a new SHMA Ensure views are taken into account as part 	Current SHMA published April 2016
date understanding of our housing markets and housing need	Assessments (SHMA) and Economic Viability Assessments by Local Authority – Working together and sharing best practice where this delivers efficiencies.		review of the Local Plan has started – potentially towards the end of 2020.
Maintain an up-to-	Identify and support initiatives to provide suitable accommodation for young working age people Maintain up to date Strategic Housing Market	 Promote sharing opportunities for young people Procure a new SHMA 	Ongoing. Providing 3 rooms for working your people. Additional HMOs will be included as part of the HIP
		Options to lease / manage Houses in Multiple Occupation accommodation	Vine St, Norton - Lease ongoing until Oct '20 Provides 5 rooms for vulnerable clients
		Lane	Ongoing to provide 6 rooms for local people

		 Promote the RHE Programme with local forums and in particular Parish Councils in Ryedale 	The RHE conducted a housing survey at Gilling East and surrounding areas which identified a need for 11 rural units for local people. A survey at Swinton is planned for spring 2020
	Identify communities where CLTs may be appropriate – Pilot via the RHE programme. Link with the development of Strategic Housing Market Assessments to ensure Rural Needs are	 Investigate whether any interest in CLTs in Ryedale 	The RHE did a presentation at a Community Led Housing event in Pickering on the 22 June 2019. Several RDC Pickering Councillors attended along with landowners and Parish Councillors.
	understood	 Attendance at the RHE Steering Group for Scarborough/Ryedale 	The DO attends along with the RHE
		 Work with rural delivery partners to increase the amount of affordable housing in Ryedale 	The RHE Programme holds annual rural housing events in North Yorkshire to promote the work of the RHEs. Parish Councils and RDC Members are invited to these events.
			Working in partnership with CFY, The RHE Steering Group meets on a quarterly basis in Scarborough/Ryedale and works with rural delivery partners on affordable housing schemes/opportunities
Address falling populations in the National Parks and use housing opportunities to sustain communities	RHEs and providers to work closely with National Park Authorities to deliver their Plans and the housing needs of their communities	 The RHE to work closely with the Planning Team at the NYMNPA to identify sites and develop more rural affordable homes in the NP. 	The RHE works closely with the NYMNPA on all aspects of rural affordable housing delivery. The most recent Ryedale schemes in the NP have been the S106 sites in Helmsley: Linkfoot Lane (5 units) - complete, Swanland Road (24 units) and the Black Swan (4 units). An open event was held at the end of July for the Swanland Park scheme in association with Broadacres Housing. Another open event was held on the 28 August for the Discount for Sale units on the Swanland development. The RHE assisted with the application/permission/allocations for the Bransdale View Extra Care scheme in Helmsley which has now completed – April 2019. This was in association with Housing and Care 21 and NYCC.

		 The RHE to contribute to NYMNPA policy on Affordable Housing To attend any rural events in the NYMNPA associated with affordable housing 	Other rural S106 schemes completed in 2019 with Broadacres include: Thornton-le-Dale (6), Sheriff Hutton (Pecketts Close) (4) and Rillington (8). The RHE helps with allocations on all rural lets by holding local open events to publicise the affordable homes to local people. The RHE has contributed to the consultation process on policy for the NP Local Plan. The Local Plan is now at the public examination stage.
Respond to any changes to the affordable housing	Engage with Rural Housing Policy Review and consultation on 'small sites' threshold on a sub-regional basis	 Monitor the national position and provide a response to any future Government consultation on contributions from small sites 	Change in legislation. No contribution from sites less than 10
requirements on 'small sites'	Respond to the outcome of the policy review and ensure alternative mechanisms to support rural affordable housing are utilised, particularly via Rural Exception Sites.	 Work to identify alternative ways of supporting the delivery of rural affordable housing if, in the event that contributions from small sites cannot be secured in the longer terms 	Working with HE on products available. Planning Policy allows for market housing. Alternative ways of delivering rural affordable housing are being investigated. Launch of community led housing hub REACH (Resource & Advice for Community Housing)
Address the needs of housing markets including tackling poor quality private	Develop a market intervention project including Purchase & Repair of properties.	 Work with the HE to look at options available with partner organisation or deliver directly 	Look at empty property options with regards HE funding and purchase & repair products. Continue looking at options to bring empty properties back into use
housing	Link with SHMA and Stock Condition Surveys to ensure needs are understood	 Direct work programmes to the outcomes from the surveys 	Survey to direct work completed in reviewing SHMA
	Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation	 Preparation of the extension to the mandatory HMO licensing Scheme 	Legislation now statute, 9 new licences issued 18/19 and 3 in 19/20
	Dealing with housing complaints	Duty to raise awareness of this legislation to landlords	Website reviewed on a regular basis and annual landlords forum
		Development of an on-line form to assist landlords to licence HMO's	Operational in 2020

		- Ensure Ryedale enforcement policy meets new legislative changes	Draft Corporate Enforcement Policy developed December 2019
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Priority 3 - Ensure the	at our housing stock meets the diverse needs of ou	r communities at all stages of their lives	
PROPOSALS	CORE ACTIVITIES	RYEDALE PROPOSALS	PROGRESS
Increase the number and range of homes suitable for our ageing population across all tenures	Work with NYCC and City of York Council to support planned Extra Care Housing	 Regular progress on sites within Ryedale, Pickering, Malton, Helmsley and Kirkbymoorside with NYCC 	Ongoing meetings. Looking at Pickering/Malton SHLAA Pt1 – Annual update and housing projectory
across all tenures		- Find out completion timetables	Pickering – Mickle Hill, remaining 12 bungalows completed May 19. Helmsley – Extra Care development at Bransdale View with 61 affordable units and 3 open market sale – 40 shared ownership and 21 affordable rent, completed March 2019
	Provide advice and support to older people in planning moves and understanding housing options	 Ensure services are accessible and home visits provided where needed 	Drip in service provided in Malton and Pickering, further extension to service required
	 Via planning policy, and working with house builders and RPs, develop best practice around house types and policy for older people	 Local Plan Strategy SP4 stipulates at least 5% of all new homes built on schemes of 50 dwellings or more shall be built as bungalows. Housing to promote this in discussions with developers. 	Discussions are ongoing with NYCC on a site by site basis. Malton facility to be progressed through One Public Estate Partnership
	Ensure the existing supply of housing is suitable for older people in the future	 Increased use of White Rose Home Improvement Agency (WRHIA) wellbeing service and DFG budget 	92 DFGs delivered in 2018/19, 86 so far in 19/20
		- Develop closer involvement with Living Well	Alternative ways of working through Council's new operating model and partnerships with Living Well Service and WRHIA Ongoing
	Link to NYCC Community Strategy and Health and Well Being Boards	 Provide feedback for consultation on new Health and Wellbeing Strategy 	Consultation completed. Strategy adopted. Strategy to be renewed 2020

		Participate in the development of a Winter Health Strategy Action Plan	Information provided as and when required
Increase the number and range of homes suitable for working	Work with the HE to fund initiatives	 Through liaison meetings, work on new initiatives with RP partners 	Shared Ownership and rent programme. Promoting with RP's
age households, particularly first time	Develop shared housing projects for under 35s Pilot in Ryedale and Hambleton		92 Castlegate completed 2017
buyers to enable mixed and sustainable	Identify and support bids to appropriate funding streams	 Await outcome of Platform for Life initiative bid 	Successful. 3 Rooms provided at 92 Castlegate, Malton with Broadacres
communities	Identify opportunities to deliver via market or Affordable Housing delivery	 Assist in the delivery of government initiative for Starter Homes for under 40's 	Potential to be delivered as a proportion of affordable housing built on development sites, including Help to Buy. Policy on Starter Homes still not clear in NPPF
ISSUE - UNDERSTAN	IDING AND IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF OUR HO		
	guidance and negotiation, ensure new homes are o		ess of tenure
			PROGRESS
Priority 4 - Via policy PROPOSALS Work closely with house builders, land owners and Register	guidance and negotiation, ensure new homes are o	of high design and environmental quality regardle	
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Priority 4 - Via policy PROPOSALS Work closely with house builders, land owners and Register Providers to communicate our aspirations and needs around quality	guidance and negotiation, ensure new homes are of CORE ACTIVITIES Ensure local Supplementary Planning Documents provide guidelines on size and quality across all tenures 	 bigh design and environmental quality regardle RYEDALE PROPOSALS Work collectively with RP partners and interview colleagues to agree content for SPD prior to consultation Attend the Northern Affordable Housing 	PROGRESS Part of negotiations with developers and planning consultations. SPD to be developed after Local Plan

Findming Outlin, is flexible and of a quality and size suitable for a range of households and for maximum occupancy if neededEnsure local SPDs provide guidelines on size and guidelines on size and guidelines on size and puscribed space StandardsEnsure SPD includes all relevant factors to assist development from the outset. Encourage developers to build to Nationally Described Space StandardsOngoing	Ensure Affordable Housing, particularly delivered via Planning Gain, is	Identify and support bids to appropriate funding streams to ensure quality/additionally	 Discuss options available from HE where financial viability is assessed and funding would give additionally 	Funding available for Shared Ownership and affordable rent.
	flexible and of a quality and size suitable for a range of households and for maximum		assist development from the outset. Encourage developers to build to Nationally	Ongoing

Priority 5 - Continue to make best use of existing stock and ensure it is of a decent quality to meet the needs of our communities

PROPOSALS	CORE ACTIVITIES	RYEDALE PROPOSALS	PROGRESS
Develop and maintain an understanding of the condition of existing	Continue to work with Private Sector Landlords and local Private Rented Sector fora and focus on "Rogue Landlords" where appropriate	 Increase the financial incentives available to assist landlords in improving the condition of their properties 	Ongoing grants and loan programme. Review of programme in 2020
stock		 Working with lettings agents to improve understanding of Private Rented Sector statutory requirements 	Landlords Forum Oct 2019. Providing information on legislative changes
		 Promotion of resources available to support private landlords 	Website development on a regular basis
		 Development of Code of Practices to raise awareness with Private Rented Sector community 	Promoted at Landlords Forum through National Landlords Association
		Development of Introduction of Civil Penalties Procedure	Completed 2018
	Home Improvement Agencies and Handypersons schemes	 Continue partnership with Scarborough Borough Council with regards to White Rose service 	Continue the work of Choices for Energy through the WRHIA Review of WRHIA partnership agreement with Scarborough BC

PROPOSALS	CORE ACTIVITIES	RYEDALE PROPOSALS	PROGRESS	
Continue to deliver investment in Energy Efficiency	Link to Yorkshire Energy Solutions Partnership and National Energy Action	 Continue to work with YES, Community Interest Company and other partners to develop Energy Efficient projects throughout district 	A Service Level Agreement has been developed with Yorkshire Energy Solutions to deliver the Ryedale Energy Savers Scheme and develop other projects	
		- Development of joint LA ECO-Flex Statement of Intent with Richmond, Scarborough and Hambleton to access Affordable Warmth funding.	Completed 2018, Version 2 issued in 2019, to account for changes in ECO funding	
		 Continual development and use of oil co-ops and collective switching scheme, as well as other similar schemes 	Ongoing. Choices for Energy now part of WRHIA	
		 Biennial Home Energy Conservation Act report 	Working in partnership with YES, the 2019 Home Energy Conservation Act report was provided to the BEIS	
		 Preparation of Warm Homes Fund Bid for Sept 18 	Successful bid obtained November 2018, second bid December 2019	
		 Instructed YES to complete research into Fuel Poor households with no central heating in North Yorkshire 	Success bid to British Gas Energy Trust to extend the Single Point of contact received Summer 2018	
Reduce the impact that poor housing has on health and wellbeing	Engage with the Better Care fund and continue to make best use of Disabled Facilities Grants	 Work in partnership with WRHIA to ensure a positive impact and correct targeting of resources and use of DFG funding 	Increase in allocation from the Better Care fund. Working in partnership with NYCC to ensure joined up services provided. £584k received from the Better Care Fund to be used for DFGS in 2019/20	
	Work with Private Sector Landlords and Local PRS fora	 Investigate development of Landlord newsletter 	Information available through RDC's website	
	Home Improvement Agencies and Handypersons schemes	 Increase profit of Wellbeing and Handyman schemes 	18/19 147 Wellbeing visits, with 827 handyperson referrals which included 138 small repairs and 689 minor adaptations. So	

dispersed alarms with Telecare to enable them to live independently as long as they are able to remain in their own homes			 Attendance at externally appropriate events to promote service 	far in 2019/20, 557 handyperson referrals and 146 wellbeing visits
enable them to live independently as long as they are able to remain in their 	choice of using dispersed alarms	Dispersed alarms and associated Telecare		Officers all now fully aware of the service and
Marketing strategy in place to promote lifelines and telecare - Implement Marketing strategy New strategy to be completed by July 2020 Evidence of demographics to show ageing population regionally - Marketing research undertaken by Ryecare Manager has identified the population of elderly 'hotspots' and marketing efforts will be concentrated in these areas New Marketing Post created to raise awareness and income to the service Will review marketing strategy and revise current Business Plan to make it achievable - Marketing trategy and revise	enable them to live independently as long as they are able to remain in their	alarms should be used as a replacement to protect	additional telecare sensors are used to protect the elderly and vulnerable and enable	Promoting the additional telecare sensors as standard with a lifeline
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concentrated in these areas Will review marketing strategy and revise current Business Plan to make it achievable				
Marketing Officer once in post				current Business Plan to make it achievable. Continue to update this information with

ISSUE - ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF HOMELESS HOUSEHOLDS

Priority 7 - Continue to reduce Homelessness

PROPOSALS	CORE ACTIVITIES	RYEDALE PROPOSALS	PROGRESS
Continue and Improve partnership working to reduce	Delegate delivery of Priority 7 to Homelessness Group who report to the Housing Board	Continue to Chair the County Homelessness Group	Housing Services Manager chairs sub-regional group
homelessness	Each Local Authority to develop and work to a local homelessness strategy	- Implement Homelessness Strategy and Action Plan 2015-2020, providing annual reviews	Ongoing. Current work on replacement draft Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2020-25. Draft to Policy & Resources March 2020
		 Monitor effectiveness of Strategy through Partner input at Housing Forum and Homelessness Strategy Steering Group 	Ongoing
		 Continue core funding for CAB's Money Advice Service 	Continued support of CAB at £12k per annum

	 Work collaboratively with Environmental Health to ensure continued access to housing of a suitable standard 	Joint visits undertaken where required. Disrepair issues referred to Community Team
	 Maintain membership of North Yorkshire Home Choice Project Board, ensuring that all policies reflect the needs of homeless households 	Work with partners across North Yorkshire to maintain members
	 Continue participation in the countywide Young People's Accommodation Partnership 	YPP ongoing. Supporting people programme ended. Partnership funding transferred to NYCC. RDC sub contractor for the partnership
Manage the removal of the No Second Night Out funding. Develop formal No Second Night Out procedure with existing resources.	 Very low District Street Homelessness to be addressed by use of County-wide budget, develop exit strategy 	Programme completed. 'No second night out' protocol developed. Officers aware of No Second Night Out options
Identify and support bids to appropriate funding streams	 Continue referral scheme with Stonham Homestay Homelessness Prevention Service 	Service now provided in-house with Horton staff being TUPE'd to RDC as of Oct 19
	 Assist with the flexible use and prioritisation of the Discretionary Housing Payment fund to prevent homelessness, working jointly with the Revenues & Benefits Manager 	DHP spend 2018/19 – 180,778.32 DHP allocation 2019/20 – 207,413.00, current spend £165K, 15 claims outstanding
Develop and maintain relationships with private sector landlords to meet the needs of homeless households	 Explore options of extension of the housing solutions role 	Review of service and structure during 2019. Customer Services Officers transferred to Housing Services as of 1 st Nov 19 to streamline service.
Work to retain Homelessness Grant Funding to sustain successful and efficient Homelessness Prevention activities including rent in advance and	 Develop a training and homelessness awareness programme to offer partner agencies 	Ongoing through Housing Forum and NY Training Group.
provision of Bonds	 Continue to identify further streams and attract alternative funding via appropriate bids 	Credit union now offer drop in at Ryedale House to provide banking services and loans – reduces need for bonds
Introduction of Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016	Introduction of Homelessness Reduction Act 2017 Significant changes to the way that homelessness is assessed, the process of doing this and reporting	Signpost to affordable housing and increase options for younger people and utilisation of the Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP)

		Facilitate and implement IT system	New system procured to facilitate the legislative changes and paperless working
		Review of staffing levels due to changes in legislative processes	Staffing levels reviewed and new structure in place 1 st Nov 19 Duty to Refer for statutory agencies in place since Oct 2018 – referrals come through IT portal or email Regular attendance at multi agency meetings MARAC, MAPS, community safety meetings and quarterly community forum to provide joined up working with partner agencies and housing advice where appropriate. Close working with community team to identify homelessness issues.
Improve access to services	Work towards the achievement of Gold Standard in housing options services	 Develop Hospital Discharge Protocol with NYCC CMHT for those with mental health problems 	Hospital Discharge Procedure in place
			Gold Standard achieved July 2017. Diagnostic Peer review completed August 2019. Housing Options Service Improvement Plan developed
			New IT system has customer portal so they can self-refer online, this facility has been live since May 2018 with link from main website
Improve support for young people	Maintain the Young People's Pathway / @The Hub approach	- Continue active membership of the Pathway Governance and Implementation Groups	Governance Group suspended due to NYCC undertaking a review of the Pathway. Ryedale actively involved
Increase suitable housing options	Identify and support bids to appropriate funding streams including Platform for Life and Homelessness Change Fund Link to Priority 1 and 2 above	 Identify funding to improve services for homeless clients 	Successful bids from MHCLG funding rough sleeper initiative and rapid rehousing pathway have resulted in employment of 2 full-time workers for 12 months
Reduce the use and increase the quality of temporary accommodation	Identify and support bids to appropriate funding streams Link with Priority 5 above	 Ensure early intervention to prevent homelessness and reduce the need for this accommodation 	Ongoing Preventions and reliefs 18/19 – 120, first 6 mths 19/20- 53

			Since April 2018 new legislation and ways of working so figures can no longer be compared year to year, early intervention work continues
		 Continue to ensure the provision of accommodation at Old Railway Court 	RDC entered into a Management Agreement with YH in April 2017 - ongoing
ISSUE - THE NEEDS	OF VULNERABLE HOUSEHOLDS AND THOSE WIT	H SUPPORT NEEDS	L
Priority 8 – Ensure he	ousing is allocated fairly and on the basis of need		
PROPOSALS	CORE ACTIVITIES	RYEDALE PROPOSALS	PROGRESS
Support the sub regional Choice Based Lettings approach and local	Delegate delivery of this Priority to the North Yorkshire Homechoice Board (with Harrogate Borough Council and East Riding of Yorkshire Council)	 Delivery delegated but membership of the Board maintained 	Review undertaken in response to Homelessness Reduction Act 2017. New policy issued 2019
approach and local solutions where appropriate		 Ensure that all policies reflect the needs of homeless households and assist homeless prevention 	City of York will be leaving the partnership within the next 12 months, expected Feb 2021
		 Seek Board approval for Local Lettings Initiatives, allocated out of the NYHC policy 	Submitted for Wood Street, Norton. Extended Local Lettings Agreement on old garage sites in Malton, Norton and Pickering
Priority 9 - Provide a	opropriate housing and support for those with spe	cific housing needs	
PROPOSALS	CORE ACTIVITIES	RYEDALE PROPOSALS	PROGRESS
Identify new and improved opportunities to provide housing and	Deliver via Supporting People Core Strategy Group and Gypsy, Roma, Traveller and Showmen Group and their Action Plans	- To ensure that the GRTS community have access to advice and assistance. RDC attends fortnightly drop-ins.	Tara Park now managed in-house by RDC – support provided by RDC housing support team
support living for households with specific needs		 Undertake GRTS Accommodation Assessment 	Report published December 2016. No requirement for additional pitches in Ryedale
	Work with RPs to identify opportunities to support specific needs groups	 Work in partnership with Yorkshire Housing for households with specific needs - learning difficulties, physical disabilities, mental health problems, frail elderly, alcohol/substance dependant 	No specific support currently in place for the GRTS community – all support provided by generic service. Review of GRTS accommodation assessment 2020

	Work with NYCC Health and Adult Services to identify needs via it's Accommodation Strategy/Matrix	 Work with providers of mental health support across the district 	Mental Health support service funded through NYCC currently being reviewed as contract to end in 2020 – attendance at MAPS meetings to work in partnership and work ongoing by RSI funded post holder to build better links
	Identify need (type and location) for housing suitable for those with physical disabilities, Learning disabilities etc.	 Liaison with NYCC's LDAG and partnership with RP's 	Updates received, more formal meetings to be established with NYCC regarding housing needs of clients with Learning Disabilities
	Implement proposals and standard approach to Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements, Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference etc.	 RDC is a member of the Making Safe Steering Group to ensure effective work of MARACS to ensure the safety of DV clients 	New lead for North Yorkshire and York Domestic Abuse operational Group.
		 Ensure the continuous use of lifelines for victims of domestic abuse 	Senior Officer maintains attendance with decision making – Making Safe Steering Group has now been amalgamated into Domestic Abuse Forum
			WRHIA Handyperson Service utilised for property related safety measures and lifelines can be fitted.
		Support the delivery of the North Yorkshire and York Domestic Abuse Strategy	Scarborough and Ryedale Domestic Abuse Strategy updated
	Meeting the needs of the Syrian Refugee programme in partnership across North Yorkshire	 Work with accommodation providers both RP's/private landlords to secure accommodation for 16 individuals 	Negotiations currently ongoing to house further refugees across the district. Report to Policy & Resource in Feb 2020
Continue the good practice and joint working across the sub region	Delegate delivery of this Priority to the GRTS sub group of the Supporting People Commissioning Body and report to Housing Board	 Development of management protocol for Tara Park - 	Management bought in-house from Sept 19 following end of contract – current review of allocations policy and procedures being undertaken

Staff		Other	
HSM	Housing Services Manager	RDC	Ryedale District Council
HPRS	Head of Planning & Regulatory Services	AHP	Affordable Homes Programme
PD	Programme Director for Economic Development,	CLT	Community Land Trust
. 2	Business & Partnerships	SPD	Supplementary Planning Document
DO	Development Officer	NYCC	North Yorkshire County Council
RHE	Rural Housing Enabler	НМО	House in Multiple Occupation
SHS	Senior Housing Specialist	SHMA	Strategic Housing Market Assessment
RM	Ryecare Manager	NYMNPA	North Yorkshire Moors National Park Authority
HS	Housing Specialist	CYC	City of York Council
		WRHIA	White Rose Home Improvement Agency
<u>Other</u>		DFG	Disabled Facilities Grant
RPF	Registered Provider Forum	CIC	Community Interest Company
CERT	Carbon Emission Reduction Target	YES	Yorkshire Energy Solutions
NPPF	National Planning Policy Framework	NEA	National Energy Action
LEP	Local Enterprise Partnership	NYHC	North Yorkshire Home Choice
HE	Homes England (formerly Homes & Communities Agency)	CMHT	Community Mental Health Team
RP	Registered Provider	MAPPA	Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements
YNYER	York, North Yorkshire and East Riding	MARAC	Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference
GRTS	Gypsy, Roma, Traveller and Showpeople	SP	Supporting People
KIT	Keep in Touch Meeting (HE)	DV	Domestic Violence
CA	Citizens Advice	LDAG	Learning Disabilities Action Group
NAHG	Northern Affordable Housing Group	COP	Code of Practice
CHOG	Chief Housing Officers Group	YH	Yorkshire Housing
DHP	Discretionary Housing Payment	CLH	Community Led Housing
CFY	Community First Yorkshire	BEIS	Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy
BRE	Building Research Establishment	RTB	Right to Buy
HRA	Homelessness Reduction Act 2017	SHLAA	Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment

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