

What process has been undertaken to develop the delivery plan to date?

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The LOIP delivery plan has been informed by the actions below;

- Consultation with Housing teams to consider LOIP delivery plan
- Ongoing engagement with partners on the Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan this includes RSLs, and the Third Sector to prevent and address homelessness
- Development of the draft Local Housing Strategy including survey of West Lothian residents to identify key housing priorities

Further consultation and engagement is required with Community Planning partners to agree and resource the actions in a joint approach, and clear outcomes identified for individual organisations

Links to Strategies & Plans

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The Local Outcomes Improvement Plan Housing Pillar links to strategies & plans noted below.

Strategy/Plan	Purpose
West Lothian Local Housing Strategy 2023-2028 (Draft being prepared)	This is the main strategic document for housing in West Lothian and covers all housing tenures. A draft is currently being prepared with the aim of embedding the LOIP actions & outcomes
Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP)	Bidding document submitted to Scottish Government for funding for affordable housing. Includes sites proposed for the development of affordable housing by WLC and Registered Social Landlords
Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan – (RRTP)	The RRTP sets out the vision, strategic direction and detailed action plan for the delivery of a rapid rehousing approach to homelessness.

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Strategy/Plan	Purpose
Integration Joint Board Strategic Plan 2023-2025	The plan outlines the IJB's vision for health and social care services for the people of West Lothian. This is relevant to specialist housing provision and support required to ensure tenants who require additional support to sustain a successful tenancy are factored into strategic plans.



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Objective: Provision of the right kind of housing that meets the needs of individual, families and communities

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- Increase supply across social and private sectors
- 3,000 affordable homes target 2022 to 2032
- Targets and funding agreed for specialist housing provision in West Lothian. Increase supply of specialist housing provision – Joint and collaborative working with Health & Social Care through the IJB and with RSL partners to deliver suitable housing solutions to meet a range of needs
- Reduction in Empty Homes in the private sector - Develop and implement Year 1 of the Empty Homes Strategy

Objective: Develop a strategic, preventative approach to Homelessness

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- Partners to implement their statutory homeless prevention duties
- Develop & undertake awareness sessions with partners to fully understand their role in Public Bodies Prevention Homeless Duty
- Each partner to develop preventative actions, including support, to avoid a homeless referral to Housing Need
- Reduce the stigma of homelessness by raising community awareness through local engagement sessions
- Recognition of homelessness as a shared societal issue, with community planning in place to prevent this occurring. This involves addressing issues with availability of affordable housing, material and energy poverty and specialist support for those in danger of homelessness
- Evolving service delivery to match society/customer experience



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Objective: Community Response and Support to address housing challenges

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- Work with community organisations and the 3rd sector to identify and build local support opportunities to help with sustainment and community integration
- Establish links with Locality Plans to ensure there is a targeted focus of homeless prevention at a locality level
- Actions to address gaps in accommodation provision across all tenures
- Partnership working with all relevant organisations
- Improved access to local support organisations to help individuals sustain tenancies and integrate tenants into communities



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Emphasis on Partnership Working

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- Our partners help deliver services to support and address homelessness through provision of housing and support services
- Our partners also help plan, design and deliver improved services for our customers
- Our key partners include:
 - Customers & Tenants
 - Other council services – i.e. Children & Families, Criminal Justice, Addictions, Education;
 - Registered Social Landlords in West Lothian;
 - Private Sector Landlords in West Lothian;
 - Partner agencies – i.e. Advice Shop, DWP, Access2Employment, Police Scotland, NHS, Court Service;
 - Third Sector – i.e. Rock Trust, Action for Children, Cyrenians, Open Door, Kharis Court;
 - Integration Joint Board.



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Housing Pillar- Key principles of approach

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- Time for new thinking in organisational structures and practices
- Desire for authenticity, community, passion, purpose
- Collaboration essential to long term solutions
- Shared assets + shared accountability = shared outcomes



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LOIP PILLAR: CREATING AFFORDABLE AND SUSTAINABLE HOUSING						
Objective	ACTION <i>What steps will you take to achieve your short-term outcome</i>	Short Term Outcome (1-2 years)	Medium Term Outcome (5 years)	Long Term Outcome (10 years) <i>What does success look like?</i>	Responsible partner agencies	Measurement (1-2 year outcome measures). How will we demonstrate progress?
Provision of the right kind of housing that meets the needs of individual, families and communities	<p>Identify sites and housing mix to meet the housing need for new affordable homes</p> <p>Set housing supply targets for private housing to be delivered through the LDP2.</p> <p>Develop and implement Year 1 of the Empty Homes Strategy</p> <p>Targets and funding agreed for specialist housing provision in West Lothian</p>	<p>Increased supply of affordable housing through the SHIP to meet the needs of local communities</p> <p>Increase the supply of private housing in West Lothian to meet population growth</p> <p>Increased supply of specialist housing provision in West Lothian</p>	<p>380 new council homes, including Open Market Acquisitions. RSLs new build programme will contribute towards affordable homes target</p> <p>Housing Supply target for private sector homes met</p> <p>Number of empty homes brought back into use through the Empty Homes Initiative</p>	<p>Everyone has access to appropriate affordable and sustainable housing which meets their needs.</p> <p><i>3, 000 new affordable homes in West Lothian by 2032</i></p> <p><i>(Target of private sector homes by 2032? Or land supply to be developed through LDP2.)</i></p>	<p>HC&BS RSLs Planning West Lothian IJB Scottish Water</p>	<p>Targets agreed for the following:</p> <p>Sites and targets for new supply of affordable housing agreed</p> <p>Housing supply targets set for private sector new build housing</p> <p>Annual targets set for empty homes to be brought back into use.</p> <p>Identify specialist housing provision and funding arrangements</p>
Develop a strategic, preventative approach to Homelessness	<p>Develop and undertake awareness sessions with Partners to fully understand their Public Bodies</p>	<p>Increased awareness of preventive approach with partners fully understanding their statutory prevention duties</p>	<p>Reduction of homelessness referrals from public bodies</p>	<p>Improved sustainment and community integration.</p>	<p>HC&BS Health and Social Care Police Third Sector Education</p>	<p>Awareness session completed</p> <p>Action plans in place for each partner</p>

<i>Partners to implement of their statutory homeless prevention duties</i>	<p>Prevention Homeless Duty</p> <p>Each partner to develop preventative actions, including support, to avoid a homeless referral to Housing</p>	Homeless prevention action plan in place for each partner.			Economic Development West Lothian College	
<i>Community response and support</i>	<p>Reduce the stigma of homelessness by raising community awareness through local engagement sessions</p> <p>Work with community organisations and the 3rd sector to identify and build local support opportunities to help with sustainment and community integration</p> <p>Establish links with Locality Plans to ensure there is a targeted focus of homeless prevention at a locality level</p>	<p>Identification and agreed partnership working with all relevant organisation.</p> <p>Improved access to local support organisations to help individuals sustain tenancies and integrate tenants into communities</p>	Reduction of homelessness referrals from public bodies	<i>Improved sustainment and community integration.</i>	HC&BS Community Regeneration Health and Social Care Third Sector Voluntary sector Gateway LACs Planning	<p>Local engagement sessions completed</p> <p>Local support opportunities identified and developed with community and 3rd sector organisation.</p>

Develop messages around housing options and choice	<p>Identify and involve wider partners with front line staff who engage with the public to share the housing options message.</p> <p>Partners to develop consistent housing options messages for households at risk of homelessness to promote self-help approach</p>	<p>Partners identified.</p> <p>Shared housing options messages that is aligned with the West Lothian RRTP, agreed by partners and in place.</p>	<p>Improved and consistent housing options messages in place across West Lothian</p>	<p>Improved and consistent housing options messages in place across West Lothian</p>	<p>HC&BS Health and Social Care Police Third Sector Education Economic Development West Lothian College</p>	
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