

Executive Summary - Doncaster Housing Strategy Update 2020 to 2025



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Doncaster's Housing Strategy 2020 to 2025 describes how we will help our residents to access good housing. Our homes have a powerful influence on our health and wellbeing and we want everyone to have a healthy home that is secure, in good repair, warm, comfortable, and free from hazards.

Our refreshed vision is for

Homes that enhance the wellbeing of our residents and our place

We aim to

- Enhance the safety and condition of homes, the main setting for our wellbeing throughout our lives
- Meet housing need and aspirations, support our local economy and help revitalise town centres and communities
- Make homes greener and more energy efficient to reduce carbon emissions and keep energy costs affordable
- Enable and support people to plan, act and invest in their homes, to protect their independence and wellbeing for the future

The Strategy has been reviewed in 2020 because we want to make sure that we are using the latest information, working towards the right priorities and using our resources in the best way that we can. We are helping to deliver the 'Wellbeing Goals' that will be described in Doncaster's new Borough Strategy and are shown in this diagram.

We have considered the

- Effects of the Covid 19 pandemic, with many of us spending much more time in our homes
- Need for our homes to be able to support us as our needs change
- Impact of extensive flooding in November 2019
- Climate change emergency, and the impact of housing on carbon emissions
- Role that housing can play in economic regeneration
- Need for new affordable homes and how to prevent people becoming homeless
- Vital importance of building safety and fire safety



How will we do this?

To enhance the safety and condition of homes, we will

- Work with all our partners and residents to address health and social inequalities in housing
- Look at ways of working more proactively with private rented sector landlords and tenants – to engage, educate and enforce when needed
- Maintain the decency standards of all our council homes
- Respond to new responsibilities on Building and Fire Safety

To meet housing needs and aspirations, we will

- Develop a Five Year Housing Delivery Plan, which includes
 - A £100m+ Council House Build Programme, with plans to provide 500 new homes with high design and energy efficiency standards
 - Work with our local Housing Associations to build more affordable homes - our initial work suggest this could give us up to 900 more homes
- Try to make sure that all homes are able to meet changing needs, for example as people get older, but also plan how we will deliver new specialist housing for the people who need it
- Look for opportunities for residential developments in our main town centres and deliver new homes in key economic growth locations
- Keep working with all our partners to stop as many people as possible from becoming homeless and supporting those who are vulnerable to get a settled home



To make homes greener and more energy efficient, we will

- Implement the housing recommendations from Doncaster's new Environment and Sustainability Strategy
- Aim to complete a new condition survey of privately owned homes
- Use the survey's findings to design a long term Housing Retrofit Programme to raise energy efficiency standards for all homes
- Develop information, advice and guidance to support people to take action to make their own homes more energy efficient and affordable to heat
- Promote the wider take up of adequate household insurance against flood damage



To enable and support people to plan, act and invest in their homes, we will



- Work with our residents, voluntary sector and other partners to understand how we can all help tackle complex housing issues and tackle those things that might stop us being successful
- Use the shared skills and capacity of all our residents and local organisations to improve homes and lives for the future

For more details, see the full 'Doncaster Housing Strategy Update – 2020 to 2025'.

Vision	Homes that enhance the wellbeing of our residents and our place			
Aims	Enhance the safety and condition of homes, the main setting for our wellbeing throughout our lives	Meet housing need and aspirations, support our local economy and help revitalise town centres and communities	Make homes greener and more energy efficient to reduce carbon emissions and keep energy costs affordable	Enable and support people to plan, act and invest in their homes, to protect their independence and wellbeing for the future
Outcomes	<p>Homes are safe, warm and secure</p> <p>Tenants will 'be heard'</p> <p>Homes support everyone who lives there to thrive, be healthy and socialise, whilst having their own space and privacy</p> <p>Homes are in healthy, safe and vibrant communities</p>	<p>We have new affordable homes in Doncaster</p> <p>Homes are more accessible and inclusive in their design, able to meet residents' current and future housing needs</p> <p>New Homes will have higher energy efficiency standards and use more renewable energy</p> <p>New residential opportunities are developed in our town centres</p> <p>As many people as possible are prevented from becoming homeless, and those who are vulnerable are supported to break the cycle of homelessness and rough sleeping</p>	<p>More homes are more energy efficient and fewer households find energy costs unaffordable</p> <p>More households will be more resilient to flood damage</p>	<p>People are better able to plan and make choices about their homes</p>
Key Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council House Decency standards maintained • More private sector homes have Category 1 hazards removed • Access or use of Greenspace • Council House Build new dwellings completed • Improving energy standards for new and existing homes • Number of new homes delivered 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of people rough sleeping • Number of people homeless • Faster provision of a suitable settled home to all those accepted as homeless • Access to Private Rented Sector for homeless • Council homes rent arrears • Number of evictions and repossessions 	