

Presentation on Affordable Housing in South Somerset

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Officers from the Housing Service will provide a short presentation on affordable housing in South Somerset.

The Council Plan 2016 – 21 details the Council Plan themes and Areas of Focus:

- Protecting Core Service
- Economy
- Environment
- Housing
- Healthy, Self-Reliant Communities

The Council Plan also includes six Priority Projects for 2019-20 of which priority five covers enabling housing. This priority is to develop proposals to accelerate the delivery of key housing sites and associated infrastructure. One of the key milestones for this priority was to set up Community of Practice (expert working group) to set objectives and outcomes to accelerate the delivery of key housing which includes affordable housing. As part of this work we are attending the four area committees to deliver a presentation along with our main partner registered providers cover the following areas:

- Increase awareness of affordable housing in the district,
- Show how our work links in with the Council Plan and Local Plan,
- The housing needs in each area
- How we work with registered providers to provide this much needed housing.

Council Plan Implications

Council Plan 2016 – 2021 aim:

- Aim to enable housing to meet all needs
- Improve health and reduce health inequalities

Area of focus within the Housing Theme for 2019-20

- Enable sufficient housing in appropriate places to meet community needs
 - Maximise the number of affordable homes including providing more affordable home to support rural economies and communities
 - Reduce homelessness and rough sleeping
 - Match lifelong independent living with appropriate property solutions
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