

Housing Strategy Action Plan Annual Monitoring Report 2022/23

The Housing Strategy Action Plan includes a number of actions which are ongoing and which we monitor by reporting on annual progress. This report sets out those actions and the progress as at 31st March 2023.

Action	Target For Completion	Who is Responsible	2022/23 Update
<p>1.2.2a.3 Secure support from local communities to enable the successful delivery of affordable housing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Council will work with Registered Providers, other developers and landowners to involve local communities in new housing schemes in their areas. The Council will work with Neighbourhood Plan groups to help identify sites for affordable housing. 	<p>Every proposed exceptions housing scheme will include at least one community consultation event. (Annual monitoring).</p> <p>Offer support to all existing and new Neighbourhood plan group. (Annual monitoring).</p>	<p>Community Enabling Officer</p> <p>Community Enabling Officer</p>	<p>Six community consultation events during the year at Bacton, Banningham, Little Snoring, Swanton Abbott, Swanton Novers and West Beckham.</p> <p>Provided support to two neighbourhood plan groups at Mundesley and Overstrand.</p>
<p>1.2.2a.6 Use s106 commuted sums to provide top-up funding for affordable housing for schemes which would otherwise not be viable.</p>	<p>Annual budget approved. March 2021 – March 2025.</p>	<p>Housing Strategy Manager</p>	<p>Annual s106 grant budget established from 2021/22. Cabinet approved £1,425,000 of grant for 2022/23. (Including grant carried forward from 2021/22 of £750,000).</p>
<p>1.2.3c.1 Help grow existing community-led organisations.</p>	<p>Four new affordable homes each year.</p>	<p>Community Housing Enabler</p>	<p>Pre-development loan for five home site in Swanton Novers approved.</p>
<p>1.2.3c.2 Establish new community-led groups.</p>	<p>One new group by March 2023.</p>	<p>Community Housing Enabler</p>	<p>Swanton Novers Community Land Trust established in 2020.</p>
<p>1.3.1b.3 The Council will work with Norfolk Warm Homes and other partners to produce a clear 'offer' for low income households (and landlords) to improve energy efficiency. This offer will include</p>	<p>Improved take up of existing energy grants.</p> <p>Annual monitoring report.</p>	<p>Energy Officer</p>	<p>The Council has established a clear offer to low income households. This is changing over time as new grant</p>

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support from initial enquiry to final installation - to 'hand hold' through process.			funding becomes available and eligibility rules change.
1.3.1b.4 The Council and Norfolk Warm Homes will actively promote energy efficiency measures. Promotion will be direct to residents and through intermediaries such as landlords, and parish and town councils.	Raised awareness of availability of energy grants. Annual monitoring report.	Energy Officer	During 2022/23 we raised awareness of grant funding via a range of methods, including parish meetings, a video Home Warm Homes grant available after successful bid (north-norfolk.gov.uk) and through a number of other events.
1.3.1c.1 The Council will work with landlords and the Eastern Landlords association to encourage landlord take up of energy efficiency improvement works.	Improved take up of energy grants. Annual monitoring report.	Energy Officer	During 2022/23 we raised awareness of grant funding for private landlords via the Eastern Landlords Association and through direct contact with the district's Country Estates.
1.5.2b.1 The Council will continue to work with partners to deliver 500 Housing with Care Homes – through helping with site identification, the planning process and funding of schemes.	One new site (c50 homes) per year. Annual monitoring report.	Housing Strategy Manager	One new planning permission 'granted' in 2022/23 but now delayed because of the impact of Nutrient Neutrality.
1.5.2c.2 The Council will work with RP partners to ensure that new affordable homes meet the needs of older and disabled local residents.	Annual monitoring report.	Housing Strategy Manager	The table (below) shows the mix of housing by number of bedrooms for affordable homes in 2022/23 and 2021/22 for comparison.

Summary of Completions in 2022/23

Bedrooms	Affordable Rent	Shared Ownership
1	6	0
2	7	0
3	7	0
4	0	0
Total	20*	0

* This includes one site with properties completed in both 2022/23 and 2023/24 and where data is not available to show breakdown by bedroom size for the part of the site completed in 2022/23.

Eight of the homes are bungalows and two are built to 'accessible and adaptable' mobility standards.

Summary of Completions in 2021/22

Bedrooms	Affordable Rent	Shared Ownership
1	46	4
2	12	84
3	3	7
4	3	1
Total	64	96

This includes 66 Housing 21 Extra Care flats in Fakenham (30 affordable rent and 36 shared ownership) built to 'accessible and adaptable' mobility standards. Two of the Flagship homes are one-bed bungalows. The remaining affordable homes are s106 and most will not meet 'accessible and adaptable' mobility standards.