

People Committee Policy Development Group 14 November 2017

Paper 4 - Actions to increase housing supply

1. Increase the supply of new housing by 6,000 units overall and affordable housing by over 2,500 units over the next 5 years.
2. Provide a mix of different tenure options to meet affordable housing need and demand.
3. Look at ways to lever in additional finance for new affordable housing.
4. Ensure sufficient land is made available to facilitate new house building; undertaking actions to help make sites deliverable.
5. Target the affordable housing new supply programme to address local mismatches in supply and demand and meet needs of the increasing number of single person households through building more 1 bedroom properties.
6. Capitalise on City Deal investment in Highland to help facilitate housing development.
7. Implement the Affordable Housing Policy, targeted to increase the supply of affordable housing in areas of identified shortfall.
8. Encourage owners of empty homes to bring them back into use.
9. Consider the use of Compulsory Purchase Orders where necessary.
10. Support the Highland Small Communities Housing Trust pilot for self- build.
11. Continue the use of individual property purchases in areas where specific housing needs cannot be met within the existing housing stock.
12. Maximise infrastructure investment to enable housing development.
13. Ensure housing supply issues are considered as part of master-planning for major economic developments.
14. Consider specific area regeneration initiatives where appropriate.
15. Continue to support fragile rural communities.