**HOUSING STRATEGY AND ENABLING SUB GROUP – ACTION PLAN 2015 – 2020**

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| **Objective 1: Contribute to the refresh of the Kent & Medway Housing Strategy (KMHS)** |
| **No.** | **Action** | **Leads** | **Outcomes** | **Timescales** |
| 1a | **Assist with feeding the broad directions for the KMHS refresh, editing and providing examples of good practice** | Chair of HSEGSatnam Kaur | HSEG Chair to attend KMHS Working Group meetings and feed back progress to the groupHSEG Mentor to be the Champion of Theme 3: Affordability and Choice | On going |
| **Objective 2: Monitor and understand across Kent affordability in relation to rent costs** |
| **No.** | **Action** | **Lead** | **Outcomes** | **Timescales** |
| 2a | **Monitor the gap between Affordable Rent and Social Rent, between Affordable Rent and LHA, and between Affordable Rent and Market Rent** | Sarah Lewis | To ensure that affordable housing continues to be able to address the needs of lower income and vulnerable households, in relation to emerging Government policy | On going |
| **Objective 3: Future housing developments within Kent create long lasting and sustainable communities** |
| **No.** | **Action** | **Lead** | **Outcomes** | **Timescales** |
| 3a | **Refresh and re-launch the Creating Successful Communities in Kent and Medway Protocol**  | NMSG  | To update and agree the Sustainable Communities Protocol | Pending |
| 3b | **Include in the Protocol information in relation to a housing and health design guide incorporating the Health Inequalities and Wellbeing Impact Assessment (HIWA) and Screening Toolkit –** (This comes from the Think Housing First Action Plan) |  | New affordable housing developments are well designed, inclusive and encourage participation in open and green spaces to improve the health and wellbeing of the communityContributes to the reduction of health inequalities and encouragement of healthy places |  |
| **Objective 4: Ensure the provision of high quality, affordable homes that meet the need of Kent’s rural communities** |
| **No.** | **Action** | **Lead** | **Outcomes** | **Timescales** |
| 4a | **Refresh and re-launch the Kent Rural Housing Protocol** | Rebecca SmithTessa O’SullivanJennifer ShawSandra Sainsbury | Increased delivery of affordable local needs housing in rural areas  | September 2016 |
| 4b | **Include a Community Guide explaining the options for developing homes and finding accommodation in rural areas** | Rebecca SmithTessa O’SullivanJennifer ShawSandra Sainsbury | Residents understand the options available and are more likely to engage in delivering affordable local needs housing in rural areas  | September 2016 |
| 4c | **Instigate a publicity campaign for the Rural Housing Protocol and Community Guide** | Rebecca SmithTessa O’SullivanJennifer ShawSandra Sainsbury | Increased awareness of the tools available to help deliver affordable local needs housing in rural areas in a consistent and pragmatic way | On-going |
| 4d | **Measure the impact of the Rural Housing Protocol** | Rebecca Smith via KMHS Implementation Group | To evidence where the objectives of the Protocol have been achieved and to identify any potential blockages in delivery | Quarterly |
| **Objective 5: Ensure a consistent, proportionate and efficient approach to the delivery of older people’s accommodation across Kent** |
| **No.** | **Action** | **Lead** | **Outcomes** | **Timescales** |
| 5a | **Refresh the Older Persons Housing Framework** | KHG EXB | Consistent, proportionate and efficient delivery of older people’s accommodation across Kent  | April 2017 – to be determined by outcomes from the KMHS Interim Strategy |
| 5b | **Instigate a publicity campaign for the Older Persons Housing Framework** |  | Increased awareness of the Framework to encourage delivery of older person’s accommodation |  |
| 5c | **Measure the impact of the Older Persons Housing Protocol** | Rebecca Smith  | To evidence where the objectives of the Framework have been achieved and to identify any potential blockages in delivery  | Quarterly |
| **Objective 6: To provide a set of core principles for Kent around Tenancy Strategy themes**, |
| **No.** | **Action** | **Lead** | **Outcomes** | **Timescales** |
| 6a | **Kent & Medway Tenancy Strategy Framework refresh** | Rebecca Smith | There is a base from which tenancy strategies and tenancy policies can be developed, alongside local ambitions and intelligence about the local housing market, need and demand. | Pending  |
| **Objective 7: Benchmark performance on affordable housing completions** |
| **No.** | **Action** | **Lead** | **Outcomes** | **Timescales** |
| 7a | **Collate annual benchmarking data on affordable housing completions**(To include figures on annual affordable housing delivery targets) | Arron Nichols | A Kent-wide picture is gained on the performance of the delivery of affordable housing | Annual |

 ***RS to support leads and groups working on objectives***