**Kent Housing Group**

**Private Sector Housing Sub Group Action Plan**

**2015/2017**

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|  | **AIM** | **OBJECTIVE** | **LEAD** | **OUTCOMES** | **BY** | **PROGRESS** | **BY** |
| **1a**  **1b** | **Improve housing conditions within the private rented sector**  **Ensure all private rented sector landlords are fully aware of their rights and responsibilities to operate their business effectively and efficiently** | Identify the private sector properties that have an EPC rating of F or G  Develop a PRS offer to facilitate improving the energy efficiency rating of F and G properties  Improve properties to a minimum of E standard  Ensure compliance with Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarm (England) Regulations 2015  Engage with “hidden” private sector landlords  To ensure internal communications between Planning, Building Regulations and Private Sector Housing teams is consistent | **Chair PSH Sub Group**  **Kirstie Pritchard**  **Chair, Housing Technical Working Group and KFRS**  **Marion Money**  **Each Local Authority PSH Manager** | Each LA has a consistent database to identify the number and location of these properties.  A landlord offer!  10% of properties on database improved to E or above  All identified PRS accommodation has a fitted smoke alarm and CO detector  Increase landlord database information by 20% (baseline figures to be established at PSH meeting July 2016)  Ensure that all converted properties meet the requirements of the Housing Act 2004 as well as building and planning regulations | Each LA  Housing Technical Working Group  All LAs | Letter and presentation produced by KPr  Info re energy efficiency SAP rating will be available publicly in May/June 2016. May be able to give that data in bulk to group at an earlier group.  Explanation of what is required by June meeting  LH to approach Sevenoaks DC tolead on this | **December 2016**  **COMPLETE**  **June 2017**  **October 2016**  **December2017**  **December 2016** |
| **2.** | **To provide evidence of the impact of housing on health improvement and health inequalities and NHS Savings** | Ensure housing is involved in the use of the falls prevention pathway  To influence the Better Care Fund to recognise the significant role of housing in health improvement and inequalities | **Lesley Clay and current Public Health Lead for MECC (KH)** | Health Accept the cost calculator savings for Health identified  Obtain funding for housing to improve health and wellbeing |  | Funding agreed by JPPB – LH to bring first set of results to PSHG/JPPB  Information on HHCC to JPPB in July and report to next meeting of PSH Sub Group in September 2016.  KH sharing paper for discussion. To be rolled out in other areas. KH can put on Agenda – early stage of social prescribing in W Kent. | **September 2016**  **December 2016** |
| **3** | **Review efficiency and effectiveness of current Disabled Facilities Grants programme** | PSH Sub Group to support on the review of DFGs in Kent to improve accessibility and efficiency for clients |  | Positive outcome for future of delivery of DFGs |  |  | **April 2017** |
| **4** | **Develop a Kent wide Fuel Poverty Strategy** | To improve fuel poverty across Kent | **KEEP** | Decrease the number of households in fuel poverty (See Strategy Action Plan). | KEEP | Strategy currently out for consultation | July 2016 |
| **5** | **To promote the work of Private Sector Housing Teams across Kent via a website page** | To develop a link via the Homechoice website to provide information to owner occupiers and tenants in the private rented sector | **LH (Chair)** | Improve awareness of what is available via Private Sector Teams. |  | NB & LH to look at pages – Still o/s at June 2016 | Sept 2016 |