

**Kent Housing Options Group – LA focussed**

**21 March 2023 10.00-12.30**

**Microsoft Teams only**

**Agenda**

10.00 Matters Arising

10.10 Commissioning Updates

* Domestic Abuse and introduce tenancy workers– Rachel Westlake
* Young People –Hazel South and Christy Holden
* Kent Homeless Connect – written update to be circulated

10.30 Discussion; what are the issues around exempt accommodation. What info do we give tenants/licensees when we place into it? Led by Toni Carter (HW8)

10.45 Is there an appetite for a Temporary Accommodation Action Group in Kent – Fran Anderson – Just Life (A5)

11.15 comfort break

11.25 Should young people leaving care be allowed to apply to any LA – no matter where they have a local connection? Led by Toni Carter (HW8)

* What would the implications be (including for demand for 1 bed homes)
* What monitoring would be needed?
* How to make it work over the Kent/Medway border?

10.30 Homechoice and transition to Huume Update – Vicky Hodson (HW8)

11.40 Protocols update (A4) (HW8)

* Domestic Abuse reciprocal – Lisa Clarke
* Young Persons (focus on Care Leavers) - Natalia Merritt
* Young Persons (focus on 16-17 year olds) - Toni Carter and Hazel South
* IH/Families with complex needs guidance document, Natalia Merritt

12.10 Any Urgent National Policy, Case Law Updates

12.25 AOB

**Dates for 2023 meetings;** 25 May Full; 19 Jul LA;7 Sept Full;22 Nov LA; All virtual except 25 May that is in person in Maidstone.

**Objectives from the Kent and Medway Housing** [**Strategy**](https://www.kenthousinggroup.org.uk/protocols/kent-medway-housing-strategy-2020-2025-a-place-people-want-to-call-home/) **that KHOG helps deliver;**

**Health and Wellbeing**

HW4 Share, enhance and promote the successful Hospital Discharge Schemes to enable all residents of Kent and Medway to benefit from this service – where person is homeless

HW7 Inform and influence countywide strategies that impact upon housing support and care provision for all vulnerable clients groups, children, young people, adults and the ageing population

HW8 Continue established countywide approach and partnership working to reduce and prevent homelessness

**Working together for safer homes**

SH4 Strengthen the partnership working to include how Kent Housing Group respond collectively to local or national consultations that will impact upon the safety and well-being of Kent and Medway residents

SH6 Promote and facilitate the sharing of information about services that can be offered to residents to support the countywide and individual health and wellbeing agendas

**Affordability**

A4 Continually review homelessness prevention policy and procedure, including the review of countywide protocols

A5 Explore new models and pathways to support vulnerable members of the community, including sharing learning and best practice regarding Housing First pilots

A6 Support the County Council to determine and shape the market about future provision of accommodation care and support for social care client groups

A7 Understand and influence the development of affordable housing that is flexible to meet changing needs, including meeting the needs of those with physical disability