

**Kent Housing Options Group – Full membership**

**7 September 2023 10.00-12.30 Online, using Teams**

**Agenda**

10.00 Matters Arising

10.10 Protocol Updates (A4 and HW8)

* Temporary Accommodation Placing Protocol – Toni Carter
* Young Persons (focus on Care Leavers) - Natalia Merritt/Robin Cahill
* Young Persons (focus on 16-17 year olds) - Toni Carter, Hazel Quennell & Kim Davis
* Reviewing Housing Pathway for criminal justice service users – Polly Hardy
* Domestic Abuse reciprocal – Toni Carter/Lisa Clarke

10.40 Questions from written commissioning updates circulated in advance

10.50 Best practice for out of borough s208 notifications – Natalia Merritt

11.00 Proposed changes to community warden service and consultation – Natalia Merritt

11.05 DLUHC Update – Stephen Tingley TBC

Comfort break

11.25 Update on Huume – Vicky Hodson

11.35 Supported Housing (Regulatory Oversight) [Act](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2023/26/crossheading/interpretation-and-final-provisions) 2023 and focus group – Toni Carter

11.45 Making a decision on whether care leavers can have a local connection across Kent (Natalia/Robin)

11.55 Xantura, how it’s working in Maidstone – Natalia Merritt

12.05 Any Urgent National Policy, Case Law Updates

12.10 Chair and vice chair arrangements

12.15 AOB

**Dates for 2023 meetings;** 22 Nov LA (may need to move this to 20th Nov)

**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