KHG Private Sector Housing sub-group

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| **Date of update; May 2023** |
| Ref |  | General Contribution | Action this period |
| **Theme 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 |  | All schemes operating successfully. Better Care funding has been confirmed for the next two years so these schemes will continue  |
| HW5 | Promote and support the objectives of the Kent Fuel Poverty Strategy and the Kent Environment Strategy |  | The work across the group in applying for govt funding to deliver national schemes continues |
| HW9 | Ensure housing is resilient to the future changes in climate to give the best possible health outcomes and prevent overheating | For private homes | Phase 3 of Solar Together is now open for registrations. The group is aware that the focus has been on making cold homes warm, and given climate change and the likelihood of further exceptionally hot periods, there is also a need to also consider how to prevent overheating in homes  |
| **Theme Working together for safer homes** |
| SH1 | Anticipate, influence and shape implementation of new legislation and regulatory regime to improve the quality and safety of homes across the public and private sectors | For private homes | New and emerging legislation is monitored closely and good practice is shared amongst the Group |
| SH2 | Develop an even closer relationship with Kent Fire & Rescue around prioritising fire safety in all tenures, housing new and old, planning and infrastructure, prioritising any emerging legislation and regulation as a result of Grenfell | For private homes | Strong partnerships developed across all authorities with KFRS, where a recent joint training day was arranged with the Kent CIEH Housing Technical Group. KFRS are providing several training sessions regarding the Fire Safety (England) Regulations 2022 now in force (next session 27 June) Govt Tower casework team in regular contact with PSH and Planning to ensure resident safety in higher risk buildings and to obtain updates on any properties identified with unsafe cladding |
| SH3 | Share and learn from best practice locally, regionally and nationally to implement positive change to how homes are maintained | For private homes | National CIEH Housing catch up attended by officers in April 2023, with sessions and discussion on Asylum seeker accommodation, the Regulations to temporarily exempt properties from HMO licensing, Renters Reform Bill, and HHSRS reforms |
| 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 |  | Consultations monitored and decision taken on who is best placed to respond, taking into account Kent CIEH Housing Technical Group’s role  |
| SH5 | Explore and learn about how new technology or approach can positively impact upon the delivery of new homes and enhance the condition of existing stock | For existing private sector homes | The potential to use new technology to improve energy efficiency within homes e.g. air and ground source heat pumps is kept under review by the Group, in association with nationally available funding  |
| **Theme Infrastructure First - possibly no actions for this sub group** |
| **Theme Accelerating Housing Delivery- possibly no actions for this sub group** |
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| **Theme Affordability - possibly no actions for this sub group** |
| A3 | Promote investment into the private rented sector, to raise the standard and profile of accommodation in this sector, ensuring it is an attractive for those in housing need |  | Nothing to add |
| **Other important matters since last update including any cross sub-group working;** |