Kent Home choice Operational Group

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| **Date of update; 16 March 2024** |
| Ref |  | General Contribution | Action this period |
| **Theme Health and wellbeing – none identified for this group** |
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| 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 | Relating to current or aspiring social housing tenants and providers |  |
| HW8 | Continue established countywide approach and partnership working to reduce and prevent homelessness | Relating to current or aspiring social housing tenants and providers | Working on use of KHC data to improve County wide knowledge of what services would assist with the reduction/prevention of homelessness |
| **Theme Working together for safer homes** |
| 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 | Relating to current or aspiring social housing tenants and providers | New How to dry washing and prevent damp and mould reel has been created to be shared and promoted countywide |
| **Theme Infrastructure First -**  |
| IF3 | Consider, respond and implement recommendations from Government reviews that promote a positive change in approach and outcome, e.g. Letwin Review | Relating to current or aspiring social housing tenants and providers |  |
| **Theme Accelerating Housing Delivery- possibly no actions for this group** |
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| **Theme Affordability -** |
| A2 | Explore what housing tenure and type/products are appropriate to meet diverse housing need, and how support can be provided to successfully sustain a tenancy | Relating to current or aspiring social housing tenants and providers | Currently exploring ways to improve/use/create an Accessible Housing Register. |
| A6 | Support the County Council to determine and shape the market about future provision of accommodation care and support for social care client groups | Relating to current or aspiring social housing tenants and providers |  |
| 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 | Relating to current or aspiring social housing tenants and providers | Working on EDI data from the housing registers and how this can be presented and used |
| A8 | Challenge the stigma associated with regards to social or affordable housing |  |  |
| A9 | Continued commitment and support for Kent Homechoice, working to ensure choice and transparency with regards to access to affordable and social housing across Kent and Medway |  | The implementation of the new system has provided greater transparency to the customer in terms of accessing available homes. |
| **Other important matters since last update;**There has been an error in 11 of the 12 Local Authority H-CLIC submissions for July to Sept which will also present in Oct to Dec. We have identified the cause of this and we are working together to resolve it so that the Jan to March submission is correct. The figures show an over representation of numbers and are unlikely to impact on funding.A draft Nominations Agreement and Hard to Let Protocol have been developed. The protocol is ready to implement and the Nominations Agreement has been sent to LA for comment and will shortly be sent out to RPs for feedback.

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