

Proposed Actions for Implementing Community Led Housing (CLH) Programme

Issue	Action	Timescale	Resources
Capacity to develop and deliver programme	Extend existing Housing Projects Officer post for additional two-year period	From April 2017	CLH Grant
Engagement with local groups to identify interest and options for CLH	CLH Seminar	From March 2017	CLH Grant
Access to specialist skills	Review of existing partnerships with housing associations, framework agreements with consultants and others who could help support local community groups	April 2017	Within existing capacity
Interest from Community Groups	Survey of local groups to establish interest, need for resources and options for development	April to June 2017	Housing Projects Officer
Indicative programme of CLH	Options to be collated and assessed for initial feasibility and financial viability	June 2017 and ongoing	Housing Projects Officer
Options for enabling CLH			
Use of empty properties	Identify need for additional funding to existing Empty to Decent Homes scheme and review of policy for scheme.	April to June 2017	Housing Projects Officer / Strategic Housing Manager Supplement to existing fund of £32,000
New build	Complete land review undertaken by ECC and combine with review by local housing associations and other community groups	March to May 2017	Housing Projects Officer / Strategic Housing Manager
	Review policy and procedure for use of exception sites to meet CLH need	March to May 2017	Housing Projects Officer / Strategic Housing Manager
	Identify and agree terms for engaging possible development partners including local developers, land-	April to July 2017	Housing Projects Officer / Strategic Housing Manager

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	owners and developing housing associations		
	Explore opportunities for establishing a Council led development vehicle to enable the development of property, joint investment and profit sharing	April to September 2017	CLH Fund
	Establish in-house financial viability resource for assessing feasibility of possible schemes.	June / July 2017	CLH Fund
Wider community benefits	Identify possible partners to provide access to training and skills especially associated with construction to combine with future development and refurbishment schemes	April – September 2017	Housing Projects Officer
	Identify possible partners to provide housing management service	April – September 2017	Housing Projects Officer
Implementation			
Review and revise action plan	Report to Members on progress, identified opportunities and allocation of resources	September – October 2017	Strategic Housing Manager
Initial allocation of CLH Fund for:	• Access to technical advice • Needs assessments • Detailed financial appraisals • Surveys • Commissioning partners • Capacity building	October 2017	CLH Fund
Future funding	Review and submit application for further funding requirements	From October 2017	Strategic Housing Manager

Additional Funding Sources to Support CLH

	Amount	Purpose
Commuted sums	£406,000	Capital investment for affordable housing
Empty to Decent Homes	£32,000	Renovation of long-term empty properties
Better Care Fund (Disabled Facilities Grants)	£20,000	Discretionary funding for adaptation of homes to meet the need of those with disabilities
Total	£458,000	