

### 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   |
| <b>Options for enabling CLH</b>                                       |   |                       |  |
| 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<br>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   |

## APPENDIX 3

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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  |
| <b>Implementation</b>               |  |                          |                           |
| 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: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access to technical advice</li> <li>• Needs assessments</li> <li>• Detailed financial appraisals</li> <li>• Surveys</li> <li>• Commissioning partners</li> <li>• Capacity building</li> </ul> | 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**

|   | <b>Amount</b> | <b>Purpose</b>  |
|---|---------------|---|
| 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      |   |