

## Mendip District Council Housing Strategy Action Plan

2013 – 2016

Action No	Action	Outcome	Timescale & Resource Implication	Responsible Officer	Responsible Manager
1	Produce a tenure blind information booklet for older people looking for housing in the district outlining the options available	Older people more informed about the housing choices available to them	December 2015 Financial resource-production of booklet	Wendy Winter	Jai Vick
2	Seek to distribute and publicise information on housing for older people and maximise the use of key resources such as active living centres, providers voluntary sector GP's, health centres	Agencies are better informed about the housing services available for older people in the district resulting in the older population being better informed about the housing options available to them	June 2016 Within existing resources	Wendy Winter	Jai   Vick
3	MDC is committed to tackling Fuel Poverty and aims to reduce FP by 10% (c.700 households) by end of 2016 from a baseline figure in 2010 PSH Condition Survey 2009	Households especially vulnerable ones, are better able to heat their homes at an affordable cost and thereby maintain better health	December 2016 Enabling, monitoring, promoting, partnering costs	Andy Eisenhauer	Jai Vick
4	MDC is committed to reducing domestic carbon emissions by 10% by end of 2016 from a baseline figure in 2010 PH House Condition Survey 2009	All Mendip households contribute to reducing carbon emissions of all types within the district that are themselves contributing to Climate Change	December 2016 Enabling, promoting, monitoring and partnering costs.	Andy Eisenhauer	Jai Vick
5	MDC to administrate at least 50 disabled	Vulnerable disabled households better	December	Andy	Jai Vick

	facility grants to completion per financial year thru to end of 2016	able to live independently within their own homes	2016 DFG costs	Eisenhauer	
6	MDC to administer to completion at least 25 renovation grants/ loans and minor works grants per financial year until end of 2016	Vulnerable homeowners are able to repair and maintain their own homes and hence provide MDC residents with better housing options	December 2016 DHG, loan, MW costs	Andy Eisenhauer	Jai Vick
7	Promote the work carried out in Private sector housing to colleagues in Social Services and specifically mental health teams	Agencies better informed about the services available to clients of Social Services and mental health teams. Increased referrals to the team improving housing conditions for clients	June 2014 Financial Resource –	Greg Warwick	Claire Malcolmson
8	Work with other Somerset Authorities to license privately owned gypsy sites	Licensed site. Improved conditions on Mendip Site. Site has changed hands and Greg has established new owner and is making contact	December 2014 Within existing resources	Greg Warwick	Claire Malcolmson
9	Develop and increase the numbers of landlords joining the accreditation scheme	Properties in Mendip are decent and landlords/letting agents are educated to provide better quality accommodation	ongoing	Sally Taylor	Jai Vick
10	Develop a fact sheet for the letting agency giving guidance on the Decent Homes standard	Properties in Mendip are working toward or are reaching the decent homes standard	April 2014 Within existing resources	Sally Taylor	Jai Vick
11.	Produce a leaflet/poster on Mutual Exchanges to send out to existing and new social housing tenants applying to transfer through Home finder Somerset. Promote mutual exchanges by displaying leaflets in prominent areas throughout the district.	Tenants in the district are better informed about how to move via mutual exchanges	December 2013	Debbie Lambert	Jai Vick Completed December 2013
12	Ensure those already in social housing have mobility when they need it through the promotion and facilitation of mutual exchanges	Housing stock is used more efficiently Reduction in the amount of housing benefit awarded as tenants will be living in properties better suited to their needs	December 2013 within existing resources	Debbie Lambert	Jai Vick
13	Adopt the Local Plan which secures enhanced affordable housing provision	Local Plan adopted	October March 2015 Within existing resources`	Ian Bowen	Matt Williams
14	Provide pre-application advice on any residential scheme requiring the provision	Pre- application advice given within 28 days	April 2013-September	Matt Williams	Tracy Aarons

	of affordable housing within 28 days		2016 Within existing resources		
15	Ensure that a minimum of 22% of affordable housing is secured with any permission for housing development	Minimum of 22% of affordable housing is secured 30% secured	September 2014 Within existing resources	Nina Richards	Matt Williams
16	Ensure that affordable housing provision accords with Local Plan	Affordable Housing complies with newly adopted Policy	September 2014- September 2016 Within existing resources	Nina Richards	Matt Williams
17	Develop an affordable housing Supplementary Planning Document	Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document adopted	September 2015 Within existing resources	Nina Richards	Matt Williams
18	Implement the affordable housing SPD9linked to enhanced affordable Housing provision	Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document implemented	September 2014- September 2016 Within existing resources	Nina Richards	Matt Williams

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