

East Sussex Housing Partnership Strategy Year 1 Action Plan

Preventing Homelessness and Ending Rough Sleeping

Strategic Action	Deliverables / Milestones	Lead
Develop and implement an approach for ongoing lived experience involvement.	Working with the East Sussex Homelessness Forum, implement an approach for ongoing lived experience involvement in the mobilisation of the strategy and service design.	East Sussex Housing Partnership Lead
Adopt a new Care Leavers Protocol	Co-design a new protocol between housing and children's services to improve access to accommodation for care leavers.	Young Person's Housing and Accommodation Manager
Implement a new model for homelessness prevention	Develop an ongoing model for homelessness prevention, building on the existing housing-related floating support services, wellbeing programme, employability support and ensuring greater integration with the wider system.	East Sussex Housing Partnership Lead
Temporary Accommodation Policy	Adopt a shared temporary accommodation policy for East Sussex, setting out standards and compliance arrangements and access to services.	East Sussex Housing Partnership Lead
Temporary Accommodation Procurement	Develop a partnership approach to sourcing temporary accommodation cost effectively and supporting compliance and standards arrangements.	East Sussex Housing Partnership Lead
Intentionally Homeless Families	Joint working between housing and children's services to increase prevention support for families likely to be found intentionally homeless, provide cost effective temporary accommodation and improve move on support.	Young Person's Housing and Accommodation Manager
Crisis and Resilience Fund	Work with the financial inclusion team to co-produce a local approach to the Crisis and Resilience Fund, which will incorporate Household Support Fund and Discretionary Housing Payments.	Head of Partnerships
Duty to Prevent Protocols	Update existing protocols with partner services, to include additional measures to prevent homelessness, beginning with adult social care.	East Sussex Housing Partnership Lead
Rough Sleeper Services	Design and implement an ongoing programme of activity supporting rough sleepers, using funding from the Rough Sleeper Prevention and Recovery Programme.	Head of Housing, Hastings Borough Council

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Housing First	Implement recommendations from an earlier review of Housing First services against the national fidelity framework.	Rough Sleeper Prevention and Recovery Programme Co-Ordinator

Working together to reduce health inequalities

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Develop a new Hospital Discharge Protocol	Co-produce a new protocol with health and care partners to support people to be discharged from hospital as quickly and safely as possible.	East Sussex Housing Partnership Lead
Older People's Services	To work with adult social care to identify and develop the housing needs and outcomes as part of a broader review of older people's services to be carried out in 2026/27.	East Sussex Housing Partnership Lead
Supported Housing Regulations	Prepare for the implementation of the new regulations, including developing a new supported housing strategy.	East Sussex Housing Partnership Lead
Multiple Compound Needs and Rough Sleeping	Develop an ongoing multi-disciplinary team supporting people with a history of rough sleeping with multiple compound needs. Implement the recommendations from the earlier multiple compound needs assessment, including expanding multi-disciplinary working practice, implementing team around the person and trauma informed practice.	Head of Housing, Hastings Borough Council / Consultant in Public Health
Integrated Community Teams and Mental Health Neighbourhood Teams	To scope key housing specialisms to be aligned with the new community-based models in health and care.	Heads of Housing
Adult Social Care	Leading the implementation of the suitable home priority within the Adult Social Care Strategy, embedding the Adult Social Care Prevention Strategy and supporting recommendations from the older person's housing review.	East Sussex Housing Partnership Lead

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Deliver the Homes We Need

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Empty Homes Strategy	Develop a county-wide strategy to bring long-term empty properties back into use.	East Sussex Housing Partnership Lead
Communications	Developing a shared communications campaign, highlighting the importance of increasing housing supply to address homelessness and improve infrastructure.	East Sussex Housing Partnership Lead
Public Sector Assets – Pilot Projects	Mobilising the first 2 pilot projects in Hastings and Rother from the pipeline of assets identified with the SPACES programme.	SPACES Programme Lead
Land Assembly	Assembling development sites to maximise grant funding opportunities.	Chair of the Development and Enablement Group
Housing and Planning	Supporting the local plan-making process in each local authority. Working collaboratively with planning colleagues to identify and address barriers to bringing forward consented sites.	East Sussex Housing Partnership Lead
Community Led Housing	Continue to support community-led housing initiatives, including access to advice and funding opportunities.	Heads of Housing
Developers Sussex	Working closely with Developers Sussex to support collaboration between housing, planning and housing developers.	Chair of Developers Sussex

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Improving Housing Management and Standards

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Regulatory Judgements	Sharing learning and practice from regulatory judgements and including key areas of work in the partnership action plan.	Chair of the Housing Management and Standards Group
Competency and Conduct Standard	Delivering shared training opportunities to support housing providers to meet the new competency and conduct standard.	East Sussex Housing Partnership Lead
Hoarding	Developing a partnership approach to hoarding, building on national examples of good practice, including links to safeguarding and health and care partners.	East Sussex Housing Partnership Lead
Stock Condition Survey	Developing a partnership approach to validating stock condition information, as recommended by the Regulator of Social Housing.	East Sussex Housing Partnership Lead
Tenant Voice	Review local trends in tenant engagement and feedback and opportunities to develop the partnership's tenant voice charter.	East Sussex Housing Partnership Lead
Reformed Decent Homes Standard for Social and Privately Rented Homes	Develop a shared action plan to meet the requirements of the emerging Reformed Decent Homes Standard for Social and Privately Rented Homes, which the government consulted on in autumn 2025.	East Sussex Housing Partnership Lead

Tackling Climate Change

Strategic Action	Deliverables / Milestones	Lead
East Sussex Retrofit Strategy	Adopt a strategy to support home upgrades across East Sussex. The strategy includes funding and finance, practical delivery, communications and skills.	Partnership and Programme Development Manager (Housing Retrofit)

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Retrofit Skills Plan	Collaborate with partners in the employability and skills team, local businesses and education providers to implement phase 2 of the Retrofit Skills Plan.	East Sussex Housing Partnership Lead
Warm Homes Local Grant	Support the delivery of the Warm Homes Local Grant Programme, providing funding for home upgrades.	Specialist Advisor – Sustainability and Net Zero
Fuel Poverty	Continue to collaborate with Public Health to deliver a county-wide co-ordination role to improve access to funding and advice for households at risk of fuel poverty.	Health Improvement Principal

Private Rented Homes

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Renters Rights Bill	Supporting the implementation of the Renters Rights Bill, including access to training and engagement with landlords.	East Sussex Housing Partnership Lead
Landlord Engagement	To host at least 2 landlord engagement events throughout the year, to share legislative and policy updates.	East Sussex Housing Partnership Lead
Landlord incentives	To continue to review and update the package of landlord incentives local authorities offer to improve access to the private rented sector.	East Sussex Housing Partnership Lead