

Strategic Housing Discussion

Purpose of Report

For discussion

Is this report confidential? No

Summary

LGA Plan Theme: Stronger local economies, thriving local democracy

Recommendation(s)

That the Board considers the future policy priorities for strategic housing.

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Background

1. As part of the new Strategic Housing policy remit of the Board, Lead Members agreed that this session should be themed on strategic housing. This session will explore city regions housing needs relating to older people housing, housing development and estate renewal.

Older People Housing

2. **Cllr James Jamieson OBE**, is a member of the Government [Older People's Housing Taskforce](#), which was launched in May 2023 to look at options for the provision of greater choice, quality and security of housing for older people. Cllr Jamieson will attend the meeting to update members on the Taskforce's emerging findings and members will have the opportunity to influence its recommendations. He will be providing his view of representing local government and will not be formally representing the views of the taskforce.

Building communities through housing regeneration

3. **Gary Orr, Chief Executive of the Abri Group**. Abri Housing Association have a good track record of working with local authorities in delivering housing for urban communities, including coastal communities. This will be an opportunity for members to consider issues relating to housing needs in city regions, and how local authorities can develop strong partnerships with housing associations.

Building communities through estate renewal

4. **Jordan Rosenhaus, CEO and Andrew Shepperd, Managing Director, TopHat**. Top Hat will be presenting how estate renewal can be undertaken to support wider local place based goals, such as skills/jobs development, delivering carbon neutrality and local business benefits.

Implications for Wales

5. Any future policy priorities established by the Board and any learning from the presentations can be shared with the Welsh Local Government Association.

Financial Implications

6. This programme will be delivered within existing budgets.

Equalities implications

7. Older people are directly impacted by housing demand, and the Board will consider the challenges of delivering suitable housing in city regions for older people, especially in supporting independence and reducing social isolation.
8. A [number of protected groups](#) and people who experience disadvantage are more likely to present themselves homeless, be overrepresented on housing waiting lists or have specific housing needs. This includes, young people, people with young children, care leavers, disabled people, veterans, particular black and minority ethnic communities and young lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people. By delivering local authorities' strategic housing ambitions, some of the inequalities to access housing can be addressed.

Next steps

9. Feedback from the Board today will be taken forward by LGA officers to deliver any future work to support policy priorities related to strategic housing.