CMT Review & Sign-off of Service Plan

Required Consultations ('X' for all that apply)

Required Consultations (must be completed before CMT submission) **Date of Review** Any Issues / Comments/Concerns from Area Consultee/areas of shared objectives Planning, Development Shared objectives: New Build programme, Growth & Regeneration and Infrastructure, Growth Board Homes and Communities work stream Housing ICT & People **Finance** Legal & Democratic Services Shared Objectives: ASB and Enforcement activities Environmental, **Resident & Regulatory** Services Finance, Commercial Shared Objectives: Garage strategy & Investment **Assets & Property** planning Development, Revenues Benefits and Fraud, Procurement & Compliance



Housing

Service Plan

Period of the Plan	2020/21
Services: Housing	 Strategic Housing Property & Place Tenants & Leaseholders Housing Development

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Strategic Priorities

Council Strategic Priorities & Service Objectives

Priorities	Service objectives (outcome focused)	Barriers to overcome
Ensuring economic growth and prosperity	Encourage all suppliers to employ locally based labour and where possible use local suppliers to reduce CO2 impact from transportation.	Long term contracts in place so need to work with main contractors to engage with local sub-contractors where possible and employ locally based staff.
	Branching Out Initiative to support tenants back into work to reduce dependence of benefits	Often circumstances behind work options are complex and the impact of C19 may reduce employment opportunities. Input from external agencies is required to support positive outcomes, so pro-active engagement required.
Affordable Housing	Essentially the focus of the whole service is aimed at improving the quality and availability of affordable homes with a specific focus on those in greatest housing need.	Requirement to obtain demographic data externally to supplement the internal sources of demand and supply data. Consideration of the impact of external support funding or grants
	Explore all opportunities to accelerate or increase the provision of good quality homes at social rent.	Attendance at the Homes and Communities Growth Board meetings and working with planning to assess any sites appropriate for accelerated delivery.
	Supported housing Project, continuation of the work started in 2019-20. Options appraisal for	

those schemes that are identified as requiring some form of intervention.

Post COVID actions to address the homeless that have been provided with TA and continue to work with partner agencies, police, probation, HCC and other districts to target intervention.

Ensure the implementation of the new Key Strategic Indicators are embedded in the delivery of the TAM contract and operational objectives delivered in line with the KPI's

Improve the scope and range of services available through frameworks to provide resilience in the event of contractor collapse and to ensure specialist services are delivered especially in areas of compliance.

Work with Strategic Planning and Development Control on the Local Plan to maximise opportunities for social housing development and delivery on larger sites. Need to assess impact on residents in those schemes and any need for temporary or permanent decants.

Lack of clear guidance from MHCLG for individuals with complex needs or no recourse to public funds. Increasing numbers of homeless presentations resulting from COVID 19, hospital discharges, prisoner release and domestic abuse. Capacity issues for external agencies including probation, Community Mental Health teams or Adult care services

Post COVID recovery likely to impact the delivery of some of the strategic objectives.

Review of priorities will be ongoing throughout the year.

Ongoing high levels of demand across the sector for all compliance related functions especially fire safety engineers, fire risk assessors, and specialist contractors who are able to complete works. Also issues with material testing have created problems with the specification of internal fire doors.

te & Health & Safety project to embed ach to safety within the housing in respect of the physical assets and iers.	Changes in testing of materials and increased legislative requirements are ongoing and will require an agile approach to ensure that any actions undertaken are appropriate. Improved systems and data in order to effectively manage the compliance are essential.
	effectively manage the compliance are
•	Some changes to the delivery model already implemented, but additional monitoring required to maintain quality. Align frequency of cleans with service charges apportionment method.
llowing restructure and corporate ASB	Must align with aims of the Community Safety Partnership and rely on wider changes across the council
•	Consideration of the impact on voluntary sector partners in respect of a potential
	e ASB and Enforcement services to ellowing restructure and corporate ASB to Housing

		strategic objectives
	Increase the use of evidence led decision- making and support the service to embed improvement recommendations.	Review the fitness for purpose of the various systems in use and the need for training to use the information effectively.
	Civica, Inform and Orchard to be used to improve reporting on key areas of service. Use of new customer portals to reduce telephone demand to be promoted	Work with Corporate Transformation team to ensure projects are delivered in line with any corporate ICT development work.
	Review approach to Leaseholder management and service charges, including incorporating recommendations from the work stream review. Consult and implement charging structure arrangements for 19/20 and produce a policy to clarify approach	Leasehold work stream review findings presented to the engaged leaseholders and action agreed.
	Trial suitable Off Site & Modern Methods of Construction and continue to work with neighbouring districts and registered providers to ensure any economies of scale and knowledge sharing are realised.	
Building strong and vibrant communities	Extend the scope of the PRS Service, in line with Fitness for Human Habitation Act legislation and the Private Rented Housing Strategy	
	Transfer all existing Flexible tenants (1450 as of 01.04.2020) onto a secure tenancy agreement	

Service Objectives into Action

All service areas

Service Objectives:

• Options appraisal for Supported housing provision including risk management of works in schemes

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Key Actions	By When	Who is Responsible for Delivery	Impact on MTFS	What will be different once this is done?	Updates		
Overlay the health data with the existing information on the Cat 2 schemes to further inform interventions	• December 2020	Supported Housing Team Leader	• Nil	 The information will be used to supplement the existing data on the scheme appraisals 	Collection of health information during the pandemic has provided greater insight		
Market and publicise the moving to a smaller home and benefits of the sheltered schemes	• October 2020	Housing Needs Team Leader & Housing representatives	Potential for an increase rental income to be generated	A reduction in void periods and increased revenue, plus more people moving to a smaller more suitable property for their housing need	A number of tenants over 60 in general needs homes have expressed interest to move to sheltered schemes		
Develop options for the schemes which have been identified for interventions, including a business case	• February 2021	 Group Manager Property & Place, Group Manager Development, Team Leader Supported Housing 	Investment will be profiled to align with available budgets and agreed option	Investment targeted to improve viability or as alternative uses	 Proposals are being reviewed for schemes to be upgraded and works to be completed starting April 2021 Meeting set up between Housing 		

										Development and Supported Housing
Identify appropriate sites for a new sheltered scheme and consider viability to progress	•	February 2021	•	Group Manager Tenants and Leaseholders, Group Manager Development, Team Leader Supported Housing	•	Investment will be profiled to align with available budgets and agreed option	•	Demand will be met	•	Reviewing sites with the development team to identify potential locations

Service Objectives: HRA Empty homes Project to reduce key to key times and improve rental income								
Key Actions	By When	Who is Responsible for Delivery	Impact on MTFS	What will be different once this is done?	Updates			
Implementation of the re-engineered empty homes process	• April 2021	Group Manager Property and Place & Housing Needs Team	Reduction in void rent loss – minimal impact on MTFS	Reduction in key to key times	Action plan developed and final round table meeting scheduled.			

Service Objectives: Climate Change									
Key Actions	By When	Who is Responsible for Delivery	Impact on MTFS	What will be different once this is done?	Quarter Update				
 Obtain baseline modelling for the existing stock and identify suitable interventions 	• May 2020	Team Leader M&E and Compliance and Group Manger Property and Place	Dependent upon ability to obtain grant funding	Improved data quality	Engaged with APSE and Energy saving trust to refine data				

•	Ensure all new build properties are designed to maximise thermal efficiency and reduce the impact on CO production	•	Ongoing	•	Group Manager Development	•	Included in budgets	•	Move towards carbon zero homes	Action Plan in place
•	Model various investment scenario's to maximise the reduction in CO production	•	September 2020	•	Group Manager Property and Place	•		•		Energy Savings Trust have been commissioned to evaluate the data on the EPC values in the stock and recommend investment options to provide optimal EPC improvements.
•	Evaluate the use of smart meters or intelligent controls with a tenant focus group	•	October 2020	•	Team Leader M&E and Compliance	•		•		No movement on this from Q1. This has been delayed further due to COIVID, this task will slip due social distancing and a limited client engagement function, I would recommend this is pushed back by six to twelve months.

Service Objectives:

• Compliance and Health and Safety Project to address Building Safety Bill and Building regulation updates

Key Actions	By When	Who is Responsible for Delivery	Impact on MTFS	What will be different once this is done?	Updates
Stock Condition information and compliance data reconciliation, including surveys for communal areas, to be migrated onto appropriate system to enable improved accessibility of information to all staff	• October 2020	Team Leader Compliance	Costs contained within existing budgets	Improved awareness and access to information upon which to manage H&S within the stock and liaise with the Fire Service on matters such as Personal emergency evacuation plans where appropriate.	The asset management health check by an external consultant commenced. This was required due to concerns over the effectiveness of the information held to drive/develop a future business plan, behind this will sit a review on IT platforms for statutory compliance and shared visibility, this is now an ongoing peace of work.
Review of	 September 	Group Manager	In year growth bid	•	Report presented to

requirements in Building Safety Bill and establish appropriate roles and experience within the service	2020	property and Place and Team Leader Compliance	may be required, dependent upon level of skills, experience and competency of staff within the team		CMT on the impact and requirements arising from the Building Safety Bill. • Draft proposal developed and Growth Bid submitted for a new role to facilitate this function
Ongoing training for all staff within the service to maintain a good level of knowledge and understanding of the responsibilities in respect of H&S	Ongoing	Team Leader Compliance	Training budget allocated	Staff understanding of their role and the management of risks in relation to the housing service	All staff have been requested to add their relevant qualifications etc onto Itrent for review, this will assist in establishing competency within the said work streams and identify any areas or concern or weakness.

Strategic Housing Group Manager: Natasha Beresford

Development of a Priva	By When	Who is Responsible for Delivery		What will be different once this is done?	Quarter Update
Develop a strategy that outlines the approach and management of the Private Sector Housing in the Borough	August 2020	Strategic Housing Group Manager and Private Rented Sector Team Leader , plus input from ASB, Community Safety, Property & Place and Planning/Building control	Team Leader post created to manage the service and ensure strategy delivered.	The council will have a clear approach to improving the standards and accessibility within the PRS. Landlords and Tenants will have an increased awareness of their rights and responsibilities.	Completed – strategy has been published and communications plan developed.

Service Objectives: Procure new Elms management contract **Key Actions Bv When** Who is **Impact on** What will be **Quarter Update** Responsible for **MTFS** different once this is **Delivery** done? Finalise contract September Strategic Housing • The impact Clearly defined roles • Impacted by increased demand on homeless arrangements 2020 Group Manager & will be and responsibilities service. Contract for the Elms Independent dependent for the management extended for further 12 following Review & Project of the asset and upon the Officer operational months to June 2021. engagement successful with HCC and service management of the Further consideration **PHCOG** provider to extend the contract hostel for a further year to 2022 due to extenuating circumstances with pandemic. Support the Ongoing monitoring • April 2021 Strategic Housing No impact Contract continues to Group Manager & of the performance be monitored on a transfer arrangements, if Independent and management of monthly basis by Review & Project Independent Reviewing appropriate and the arrangement Officer monitor the & Project Officer, transition and quarterly core group ongoing meetings undertaken performance to address any areas of concern and HCC joint contract monitoring meetings have been established with effect

from May 2020 in line

		with Complex Needs Strategy
		Strategy

Service Objectives: explore bring empty			plan using BRE int	elligence to improve	standards in PRS and
Key Actions	By When	Who is Responsible for Delivery	Impact on MTFS	What will be different once this is done?	Quarter Update
Analysis of data from BRE and develop the action plan to address the key areas for intervention	• August 2020	Team Leader PRS	Included with the base budgets for the year	Increased activity to identify and licence properties and ongoing enforcement activities	 Commenced review of the data after verification from BRE Action plan has been developed following full review of the BRE data, schedule of visits to be undertaken has been impacted by Covid-19 and current focus is on essential statutory visits to be completed.
Communication with the PRS landlords to raise awareness of the requirements and opportunities for support from the team	• July 2020	Lead Officer PRS & SIE Team	•	Increased awareness amongst landlords and RP's of the requirements and support available	 Ongoing support and advice provided during the pandemic. Landlord newsletter issued periodically and service has updated landlord factsheets on the website to improve accessibility to information.
 Recruitment of Empty Homes Lead to scope and 	• June 2020	Team Leader PRS	 Included in budget – 1 year fixed 	 Assessment of empty homes and the potential 	Delayed slightly due to pandemic, but appointment due to be

deliver project	term post	for use as affordable housing in the PRS	made in August. Empty Homes Lead Officer in post from end of September 2020, Empty Homes policy is in development and bid for S106 monies has been submitted in October 2020.
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Key Actions	By When	Who is Responsible for Delivery	Impact on MTFS	What will be different once this is done?	Quarter Update
Consultation with residents and STAR survey results	• June 2020	SIE Team Leader	•	Overview of survey results and identification of key areas, enabling more detailed analysis	Findings presented to TLC and senior management team
Review of the current engagement structures and methods especially the impact of COVID restrictions	• July 2020	SIE Team Leader	•	More robust engagement structures to support current service needs	Review ongoing to include the structure the team to deliver the engagement structure Consultation with the team in relation to the structure started on 2 October 2020, SLA for Housing Communications is in development.

relevant and sufficiently customer focused		Leader		customer satisfaction to support review and improvements to service delivery.	with Innovation and improvement team, no changes to be made to KPI's due to pandemic. Further review of KPI's to be undertaken following transfer back to T&L to ensure sufficiently aligned with priorities.
Ensure appropriate engagement of residents in line with the new Building Safety Bill	• March 2021	SIE Team Leader	•	 Engagement more effectively geared to support service challenge and ensure Tenants Voice is heard. 	 Proposed approach to be submitted to HSMT in third quarter in relation to 'Block Champions' and building safety.
Review historic Housemark submissions and consolidate with other data returns to ensure more effective reporting/benchmarking	• May 2020	SIE Team Leader	•	Ability to more effectively benchmark service delivery against other providers and inform service needs/improvements	Historic submissions validated and improved finance mapping completed
Greater use of market intelligence and horizon scanning to inform service delivery	• September 2020	SIE Team Leader	•	Proactive response to market intelligence	Policy review and horizon scanning group in place and this is informing deliver of service and new procedure/policy.
Commence in depth consultation with tenants on Tenancy Agreement	August 2020	Tenancy Team Leader	•	Ability to identify appropriate amendments to the tenancy agreement	Start delayed due to pandemic

S	Service Objectives: Full review of Allocations Policy:											
Key Actions		By When	Who is Responsible for Delivery	Impact on MTFS	What will be different once this is done?	Quarter Update						
•	Implementation of system upgrade	October 2020	 Independent Review & Project Officer 	•	 Great system efficiency and improved customer service 	Upgrade is in final testing phase and to be completed late October 2020.						
•	Pre-tenancy project implement improvements	October 2020	Independent Review & Project Officer & Housing Needs Lead Officer	•	More robust management of risk and assessment of applicants needs	Remaining proposals not yet implemented to be incorporated into the full Allocations Policy review and subject to extensive consultation with effect from November 2020.						
•	Customer engagement and communications project	• January 2021	Housing Needs Team Leader	•	Increased awareness of the Housing Allocations Policy and better management of expectations	Member and TLC engagement will commence from November 2020 and Member briefing on 8 December 2020. Full stakeholder consultation scheduled for January 2021.						

Service Objectives: Revision of Tenancy Strategy; due to flexible tenancy change							
Key Actions	By When	Who is Responsible for Delivery	Impact on MTFS	What will be different once this is done?	Quarter Update		

Engage with RP's to implement a charging structure for administration of the advertising and choice based lettings functions	•	October 2020	•	Team Leader Housing Needs	•	•	More effective management of RP's advertisement and allocations, providing greater efficiency and improved	•	Charging structure devised and submitted as income proposal within 2020/21 budget submissions effective from mid-year Oct 2021. Engagement to be undertaken in third/fourth quarter.
lettings functions									
							customer service		

S	ervice Objectives: H	Service Objectives: Homelessness									
Key Actions		By When		Who is Responsible for Delivery		Impact on MTFS	What will be different once this is done?		Quarter Update		
•	Re-contracting provision: The Elms	•	December 2020	•	Group Manager Strategic Housing	•	•	Improved contract terms and management of the council's asset.	•	New contract due to expire June 2021, with further 1 year concessionary contract to be granted pending Corporate determination on long term contract management.	
•	Delivery of 10 Housing First Placements linking funding to SLA	•	March 2021	•	Independent Review & Project Officer	•	•	Improved housing pathway for rough sleepers and those with complex needs	•	New allocation of placements has been impacted due to Covid-19 pandemic, currently 8 placements across double district with one placement pending in November 2020.	

•	Launch of 2020-24 Homeless and Rough sleeping strategy	August 2020	Homeless Prevention Team Leader	•	Clear direction on the strategic approach to preventing homelessness and rough sleeping	Strategy completed and published August 2020.
•	Introduction of homeless prevention offer to increase access to PRS and introduction of targets for officer performance challenge	• October 2020	Homeless Prevention Team Leader	•	 Reduced demand for temporary accommodation and social housing 	Introduction of offer delayed due to Covid 19 pandemic. Current consideration of information sharing agreement for landlord insurance under review with Legal Services.
•	Multi-agency engagement to deliver improved pathways and outcomes for dual diagnosis and complex needs customers	• October 2020	Independent Review & Project Officer		More effective pathways, inter agency working and improved local support for those with complex needs	Co leading Hertfordshire Accommodation Cell and Recovery Group. Multi- Disciplinary Team process established from August 2020 and Dacorum's Multi-agency Response panel has continued to meet remotely throughout pandemic to agree targeted actions for complex needs clients. Service also proactivelyengaged in the JAG and Community Safety Action Group to ensure joined up approach.

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Property & Place

Group Manager: Jason Grace

Service Objectives: Ensure the implementation of the new Key Strategic Indicators are embedded in the delivery of the TAM contract and operational objectives delivered in line with the KPI's

Key Actions	By When	Who is Responsible for Delivery	Impact on MTFS	What will be different once this is done?	Quarter Update
Realign structure of Property and Place to maximise the contract management of Osborne and all contractors working on behalf of the Council – include skills analysis and retention of qualified staff	April 2020	Group Manager Property and Place	Included within the growth bids for 2020- 21	Improved understanding of roles and responsibilities and reduction in duplication.	Completed but the priorities in respect of service delivery have been impacted by the pandemic
Work with Osborne to agree the priorities, post COVID remobilisation and impact on any performance targets	Ongoing	Group Manager Property and Place & Team Leader contracts	Impact of COVID relief will need to be factored into the in-year budget	Agreed objectives and weighting of the Key Strategic Indicators	Agreed work streams for delivery and revised budgets for the remainder of the year, to reflect the reduction in planned works

Service Objectives: Housing Repairs Service									
Key Actions	By When	Who is Responsible for Delivery	Impact on MTFS	What will be different once this is done?	Quarter Update				
Reduce cost of repair	Ongoing throughout the year	Group Manager Property and Place and Team Leader Contracts	•	•	The reduce cost of repairs is being discussed and measures implemented along with the revised delivery model, this includes repairs and voids.				
Shared responsibility across housing	•	•	•	•	The team are continuing to work with and support other departments within Housing, to address tenancy related property disputes				

Service Objectives: Planned Works programme									
Key Actions	By When	Who is Responsible for Delivery	Impact on MTFS	What will be different once this is done?	Quarter Update				
More control plus year plan	• Dec 2020	JG/OPSL	Contained within business plan budgets	 Improved data capture and alignment of programmed work 	 A revised delivery model and programme has being developed for this year due to COVID, however this is under current review. The 5 				

Soction 20 process	Jan 2021	16	Comice	Improved detail	year plan will form part of the stock condition/asset management health check to establish if the data held is sufficient to allow a business plan to be developed, ongoing at this stage.
Section 20 process audit	• Jan 2021	• JG	 Service charges recovery and bad debt provision could be impacted if process not adhered to 	 Improved detail of cost build up and allocation of service charges 	 Section 20 activity will continue in accordance with Leasehold Legislation, ongoing

Service Objectives: Review the structure of the Cleaning Service to improve the delivery model and provide additional resilience									
Key Actions	By When	Who is Responsible for Delivery	Impact on MTFS	What will be different once this is done?	Quarter Update				
Window cleaning service market test to establish delivery model	• September 2020	Team Leader Assets	• None	Dependent upon outcome of market test the window cleaning will improve	The complete cleaning contract will be reviewed over the coming months by an external consultant to establish effectiveness in both delivery approach and financial model. However the first course of action (investigation) is to identify and establish				

					delivery concerns, complied with rumours of unprofessional activities. This investigation has commenced and is currently ongoing.
Ensure there are adequate resource levels to manage the additional units created through the development programme.	• October 2020	Team Leader Assets	Minimal any impact to be included within budget	New blocks would be identified earlier in the development cycle so that necessary provision for cleaning can be addressed.	Ongoing work for recovery of service charges to cover any additional revenue costs from landscaping, utilities, cleaning or management

Group 3 – Tenants & Leaseholders Group Manager: Layna Warden

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 Finalise Hoarding & self-neglect protocol and procedures 	• December 2020	Team Leader Tenancy Sustainment, Team Leader Tenancy and Leasehold	 Spending on repairs for poor condition homes will be reduced 	Staff will be more confident in how to address and support tenants who hoard	Cases now being reviewed as part of Community Safety Action Group and housing team working effectively on cases
Transfer all existing flexible tenants onto a secure tenancy agreement	April 2021	Team Leader Tenancy and Leasehold	• n/a	All DBC tenants will have the same secure tenancy agreement offering stability and security	New tenants receive a secure tenancy agreement and flexible tenancies are reducing as they are converted at the end of the 5 year period due to fewer home visits
Launch Tenancy health checks committing to visit every tenant at least once every 5 years	November 2020	Team Leader Tenancy and Leasehold	Initial increase in repair requests but longer term reduction in void costs	All tenants will be aware of the aims and purposes of the visits and first 1000 completed	This is on hold until April 2021
Review	 February 	Group Manager	 Additional post 	Early	Growth bid completed

Enforcement 2021 and ASB service	and Team Leader Tenancy and Leasehold	funded by previous recharge to ASB team	intervention for ASB cases preventing escalation and providing reassurance for tenants	and reviewing role and responsibilities
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Service Objectives: Orchard Health Check to determine best use of the system to be integrate across all variety of teams								
Key Actions	By When	Who is Responsible for Delivery	Impact on MTFS	What will be different once this is done?	Quarter Update			
 Review of current modules and those in development to migrate as many staff onto Orchard Classic 	• September 2020	Group Manager Tenancy and Leasehold and Rent and Income Team Leader	Already included in the budget	Improved resilience and functionality of the system	All housing staff now using Orchard Classic from 1 st October 2020			
 Identify reports and information from Inform to help understand and shape services 	• September 2020	Tenancy Sustainment Team Leader and Supported Housing Team Leader	• n/a	We will have better information about the services we provide and the needs of our tenants	Reports taken to HSMT and will be reported to OSC in December.			
 Investigate integration between Orchard, 	• December 2020	Group Manager Tenants and Leaseholders	• n/a	This will inform progress with New Normal and	Proposal completed to carry out soft market testing			

InForm and Civica linking with New Normal				understanding an effective CRM for Housing services	
Review effectiveness of Income Analytics	• March 2021	 Group Manager Tenants and Leaseholders and Rent and Income Team Leader 	•	 Confidence that system is providing value for money 	6 month review completed. Team meeting to get feedback from officers due to take plan this month

Service Objectives:
• Reduce impact of unemployment and reduced income

Key Actions	By When	Who is Responsible for Delivery	Impact on MTFS	What will be different once this is done?	Quarter Update
Develop effective support for under 25s	• November 2020	Tenancy Sustainment Team Leader	No Impact – from existing post	Improved sustainment of tenancies especially for those younger tenants or care leavers reducing eviction costs and rent arrears	New post recruited and pre-tenancy training started online
 Implement effective performance management 	• March 2020	Rent and Income Team Leader	•	 Reduction in evictions, bad debt and rent arrears 	Procedures updated and training completed with team.

	for income collection										
•	Develop partnerships and processes to effectively support those moving on and off of Universal credit	•	March 2021	•	Rent and Income Team Leader	•	Achieved savings set out in 2019/20 and expected in 20/21	•	Reduction in arrears for those on UC	•	Working on relationship with DWP and focussing on introductory tenants and those affected by COVID
•	Review Support charge to ensure covers needs of Supported Housing Service	•	March 2021	•	Supported Housing Team Leader	•	Will ensure cost recovery	•	The service charge will reflect the cost to run the service and match similar neighbouring providers	•	Initial proposals drawn up with finance and will be taken to OSC in November

Group 4 – Housing Development

Group Manager: David Barrett

Service Objectives: Explore Funding Options to increase Affordable Housing delivery Funding							
k	(ey Actions	By When	Who is Responsible Delivery	for MTFS	What will be different once this is done?	Quarter Update	
•	Obtain Investor Partner status to enable grant applications for future funding	• July 2020	Group Mai Developm		 Opportunity for securing grant if the scheme is extended 	 Awaiting release of the funding process for 2021. Attending training on the programme 26/10 	
•	Work with finance to assess and refinancing options to increase new build programme	August 2020	Group Mar Developm		Potential to increase new build programme	Business Plan update submitted	
•	Work with the Herts Growth Board to identify opportunities for accelerated delivery and funding options	• May 2020	Group Mar Developm	_	Potential to accelerate delivery of new build programme	Ongoing work with HCC to identify any sites that can be accelerated with funding or other interventions	

Service Objectives: Off Site Manufacturing Delivery							
Key Actions	By When	Who is Responsible for Delivery	Impact on MTFS	What will be different once this is done?	Quarter Update		
 Identify the most appropriate manufacturers for use on the sites identified for the use of OSM 	August 2020	Group Manager Development	•	•	Completed		
Ensure the chosen manufacturers supply chain is resilient following the impact of COVID 19	August 2020	Group Manager Development	•	•	Ongoing and being monitored for any material supply shortages		
Continue to support the consortium to determine if economies of scale can be achieved	Ongoing	Group Manager Development	•	•	Ongoing liaison with the Hertfordshire consortium to support the approach and volumes		

Service Objectives: Building Regulation revisions and Building Safety Bill							
Key Actions	By When	Who is Responsible for Delivery	Impact on MTFS	What will be different once this is done?	Quarter Update		
 Monitor the updated requirements for compliance and design implications 	• September 2020	Group Managers Development & Property and Place	•	•	Report issued to CMT with draft action plan		
 Additional training to all staff in respect of changes and requirements for competency 	Ongoing	Group Managers Development & Property and Place	•	•	Collated detail of professional and academic qualifications relating to the competency framework		

Service Objectives: Project Management Handbook							
Key Actions	By When	Who is Responsible for Delivery	Impact on MTFS	What will be different once this is done?	Quarter Update		
Conclude the development of the Project Management Handbook, incorporating changes to reflect the Building Safety Bill and other statutory changes	April 2021	Group Manager Development	•	•	Good progress made on updating		

Service Improvement Plan

Action	Expected Improvement(s)	Planned Start Date	Lead
Action	Expected Improvement(s)	Planned Start Date	Lead
Review, update and consolidate policies and procedures			
on-line and telephone contact.			Team Leader
Continue to grow digital and online presence, developing a focused social media plan to support updates to tenants and leaseholders	Improved efficiency and use of all media to contact, communicate and engage with tenants and leaseholders	April 2020	Policy, Projects and Engagement Lead Officer
Continue to review of website content to make sure it is up to date and relevant and develop further opportunities for self-serve (garages and rents)	Reduction in administration and improved options for self-serve	April 2020	Strategy, Improvement and Engagement Team Leader/ Policy, Projects and Engagement Lead Officer

Identify all Policies that are currently used by the Housing Service and review impact of pandemic to revise as necessary	All Policies and procedures updated and stored on team site, any actions from strategies updated	July 2020	Strategy, Improvement and Engagement Team Leader/ Group Managers
Data & Evidence			
 Data cleansing of Orchard and collation of stock information to ensure the service is maximising data held: Building up profiling information on both stock and tenants It is compliant with new GDPR regulations 	Improve management information on the use of the stock and the impact of flexible tenancies and the roll out of Universal Credit	July 2020	Group Manager Tenants and Leaseholders and Group Manager Property and Place
Sheltered accommodation Prioritise recommendations from the review and determine viability of interventions	Develop medium to long-term strategy for the sheltered accommodation and the changing needs of the over 0's demographic	July 2020	Team Leader Supported Housing
Garages stock survey and investment strategy to be completed in conjunction with finance and estates teams Assess the optimum number of garages the Council should retain for revenue income.	Investment will be targeted and decommissioning sites for alternative use or disposal	August 2020	Garage Officer
Benchmarking and information returns e.g. Housemark LAHS, P1E	Compare our performance against peers and identify opportunities for service	April 2020	Quality, Insight and

including Coronavirus impact	improvement	Improvement
monitoring through Housemark		Officer

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Risk Register 2020 - 21

Housing Landlord - Fiona Williamson							
HL_F01 Failure to closely monitor operational and financial factors affecting the delivery of the HRA Business Plan							
Category:	Corporate Priority: Afford	dable Housing	Risk Owner:	Portfolio Holder:	Tolerance:		
Financial			Fiona Williamson	Margaret Patricia Griffiths	Treating		
Inherent Probability	Inherent Impact	Inherent Risk Score	Residual Probability	Residual Impact	Residual Risk Score		
2 Unlikely	4 Severe	8 Amber	1 Very Unlikely	2 Medium	2 Green		
Consec	quences	Currer	nt Controls	Assurance			
Delivery of the Business Plan would not be achieved if income and financial control is not closely managed Business Plan in partnersh Business Plan updated to service priorities Any policy changes or go that may impact the plan quickly analysed and reflet This enables for long term be visible and if there are		reflect statutory changes and vernment announcements	finance	development in conjunction with			

The Business Plan is being updated to reflect the financial modelling and review of the strategic priorities to ensure the plan remains viable and aligns with the Corporate priorities. The impact of COVID on rental income in year is being assessed and voids loss, due to slower moves into sheltered accommodation due to limited demand. Build costs are being closely monitored to assess any impact from Brexit or material shortages.

HL_I03 Failure to adopt	a service specific best p	ractice approach to Hea	alth and Safety (Housing La	ndlord	
Category:	Corporate Priority:		Risk Owner:	Portfolio Holder:	Tolerance:
Infrastructure	Safe and Clean Environme	ent	Fiona Williamson	Margaret Patricia Griffiths	Treating
Inherent Probability	Inherent Impact	Inherent Risk Score	Residual Probability	Residual Impact	Residual Risk Score
3	4	12	2	4	8
Likely	Severe	Red	Unlikely	Severe	Amber
Conseq	luences	Currer	nt Controls		Assurance
Consequences Current Controls Service specific H & S procedures appli housing service covering service users safety and lone working; clear landings procedures; estate inspections schedu H&S policy under review. Ongoing train key areas. Increased resourcing to provide support monitoring and administration of health information. Directorate Health & Safety Committed DMT Standing Items on Team Meeting Agen Quarterly Housing Fire Safety Group at Service Ensuring that the service has appropriated for though this is itself a risk as the Odifficult to recruit surveyors on pay group in the procedures appliance in the service in the service is a service in the service has appropriated in the ser				review	

Ongoing work to manage risks and migrate data onto assess and compliance software systems

Q2 and Q3 audits of Asbestos and Legionella management plans completed and recommendations being implemented – Impact of Building Safety Bill has been reviwed and an action plan developed to ensure the Coucnil is able to comply with the new legislation that will be introduced.

Housing – Fiona Williamson					
Risk name: Failure to identif	fy and manage Private secto	or Landlords and Houses i	n Multiple Occupation		
Category:	Corporate Priority:		Risk Owner:	Portfolio Holder:	Tolerance:
Reputational	Safe and Clean Environment		Natasha Beresford	Margaret Patricia Griffiths	Treating
Inherent Probability	Inherent Impact	Inherent Risk Score	Residual Probability	Residual Impact	Residual Risk Score
3 Likely	4 Severe	12 Red	2 Unlikely	4 Severe	8 Amber
Consequ	uences	Current	Current Controls		:
Consequences Private sector tenants living in poor conditions that could be prejudicial to their health. Statutory function so reputational and financial risks for the Council.				-	
		Sign Off and Comm	ents		

Increased activity to assess potential HMO's ongoing, awareness raised with staff and members, to report potential HMO's. Consideration of the risks associated with an outbreak

of COVID in an HMO setting and the potential for homeless presentations. Backlog of inspections is being worked through to address any enforcement cases.

HL_F02 Failure to closely monitor operational and financial factors relating to the delivery of the Council's Homelessness Service						
Category:	Corporate Priority:		Risk Owner:	Portfolio Holder:	Tolerance:	
Financial	Affordable Housing		Natasha Beresford	Margaret Patricia Griffiths	Treating	
Inherent Probability	Inherent Impact	Inherent Risk Score	Residual Probability	Residual Impact	Residual Risk Score	
3	4	12	2	4	8	
Likely	Severe	Red	Unlikely	Severe	Amber	
Conseq	uences	Current	Controls	Assuranc	e	
DBC Could be open to legal challenge if the service is not fit for purpose due to lack of resources for this statutory service. Health & Safety risks for clients if not provided with TA and left to sleep rough. Increase in homeless presentations would have severe impact on budget. Monthly financial monitor and accountant, team lead monthly reporting of stats seeking Housing Advice an homeless. Use of grant funding to support the service is and accountant, team lead monthly reporting of stats seeking Housing Advice and homeless.		der monitors TA spend, and including numbers of cases d presentations as oplement the team with ocess presentations through omeless process				

Sign Off and Comments

Successfully secured Rough Sleeper Grant funding and working with St Albans and Hightown to deliver outreach workers

Applied for COVID funding for additional costs arising from the increased demand on the homeless service throughout the Coronavirus pandemic. Applied for Next Steps

Accommodation programme funding to support the delivery of additional TA in the Borough.

Category: Financial	Corporate Priority: Affordable Housing		Risk Owner: Alan Mortimer	Portfolio Holder: Margaret Patricia Griffiths	Tolerance: Treating
Inherent Probability	Inherent Impact	Inherent Risk Score	Residual Probability	Residual Impact	Residual Risk Score
3 Likely	4 Severe	12 Red	3 Unlikely	4 Severe	8 Amber
Consec	quences	Current	Controls	Assurance	e
extensions and associated costs of managing the collation and interrogation of repairs data and stock condition information. Reputational issues in respect of the anticipated benefits to stakeholders not being realised. Operational consequences if the gas servicing and installation contract secures contract extensions due to the co-location of the operational teams. Additional costs and time to procure a new contract.		Regular contract review through a matrix of operational, financial and strategic core group meetings, with early warning mechanisms and agreed		Strategic Core Group Minur Key Performance Indicators On-going scrutiny by the Pr surveyors	s

Sign Off and Comments

Year 5 Benchmarking review completed and ongoing management of costs and quality through regular operational and Strategic meetings. . Consider the impact of the Cornavirus pandemic on the ability of Osborne to deliver the strategic indicators. Closely monitoring the performance of the contract at operational and strategic core group meetings.

HL_R01 Failure to identify the needs and risks of residents living in sheltered housing and ensure that they have access to support appropriate to their needs

Category: Reputational	· ·		Risk Owner: Layna Warden	Portfolio Holder: Margaret Patricia Griffiths	Tolerance: Treating
Inherent Probability	Inherent Impact	Inherent Risk Score	Residual Probability	Residual Impact	Residual Risk Score
3 Likely	4 Severe	12 Red	1 Very Unlikely	4 Severe	4 Green
Consec	luences	Current	Controls	Assurance	e
accommodation and if not	Appropriate Support to individuals living in sheltered accommodation and if not given there is risk to health and wellbeing of some of our most vulnerable residents Partnership working Ongoing programme housing staff Sheltered housing IT enable more robust of visits and support Line management st		ther agencies.	Supported Housing Officer	Procedures

Sign Off and Comments

Review of the Supported Housing Assets underway, to assess the suitability of the assets for current and future use. Consideration of the impact of COVID on the support needs and how this has been delivered and assessment of flexicare due to reduced capacity by the care provider.

HL_R03 Failure to Deliver the Council's New Build Programme						
Category: Reputational	Corporate Priority: Affordable Housing		Risk Owner: David Barrett	Portfolio Holder: Margaret Patricia Griffiths	Tolerance: Treating	
Inherent Probability	Inherent Impact	Inherent Risk Score	Residual Probability	Residual Impact	Residual Risk Score	
2	4	8	1	4	4	
Unlikely	Severe	Amber	Very Unlikely	Severe	Green	
Conseq	luences	Current	Controls	Assurance		
1- a _t		Monthly Financial meetings to monitor budgets,		All Schemes have project wupdated fortnightly	orksheets	

Ongoing monitoring of progress to assess delivery underway. Any projects that are identified as having risks of delays or do not progress are reviewed and a pipeline of

alternative sites retained to provide resilience. COVID impact has been assessed, both on delivery timescales and rental income.

Housing – Fiona Williamson

Risk name: Failure to recruit and retain appropriately skilled, experienced or professionally qualified members of staff.

Category: Reputational	Corporate Priority: Modern and efficient Counc	sil	Risk Owner: Fiona Williamson	Portfolio Holder: Margaret Patricia Griffiths	Tolerance: Treating
Inherent Probability	Inherent Impact	Inherent Risk Score	Residual Probability	Residual Impact	Residual Risk Score
3	4	12	2	4	8
Likely	Severe	Red	Likely	Severe	Amber
Consequ	iences	Current	Controls	Assurance	
Reliance on external consultants and agency staff and the additional cost implications and pressure if the budgets Risk of incorrect decisions being made by inadequately qualified or trained staff Risk of legal action increase in disrepair claims, Environmental Protection Act claims or personal injury claims. Any issues arising as a result of Statutory functions, risk of prosecution and the associated reputational and financial risks for the Council. Identified all roles that has recruitment and retention workforce planning review and graduate programme base Ongoing training for all st has been undertaken to so improve awareness. Use of Apprenticeship lev		and graduate programme to base Ongoing training for all staff has been undertaken to sup	by area to supplement the ve the recruitment approach to supplement in house skills of in HHSRS and fire safety oplement the knowledge and		

Sign Off and Comments

Apprentice posts created to provide pipeline of trained and skilled staff, to supplement skills levels.

Mentoring of Tech RICS roles ongoing

Assessment of all professional qualifications and knowledge has been collated to review against the competency framework.

Funding

Current Budgets - Gen Fund & HRA

Gen Fund Housing

HOUSING & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE GENERAL FUND BUDGET DETAIL 2020/21

Draft Variance 2020/2021 2019/20 - 2020/21 £ £ %

Housing & Community

Housing Landlord (Fiona Williamson)

Housing Standards (Jason Grace)			
Employees	50,520	5,180	+11%
Transport	0	0	
Supplies & Services	0	0	
Income	(35,110)	(690)	(2%)
Recharges	10,915	4,583	+72%
Net Expenditure: Housing Standards	26,325	9,073	+52%

Garages (Jason Grace)				
Employees	41,840	1,550	+4%	
Premises	685,440	111,470	+19%	
Supplies & Services	0	0		
Capital Charges	719,300	0	+0%	
Income	(3,570,780)	199,590	+5%	
Recharges	436,950	3,751	+1%	
Net Expenditure: Garages	(1,687,250)	316,361	#REF!	

Supporting People (Jason Grace)				
Recharges	7,500	0	+0%	
Net Expenditure: Supporting People	7,500	0	+0%	

Homelessness (Natasha Beresford)		

Employees	878,760	60,630	+7%
Premises	109,950	3,570	+3%
Transport	1,000	1,000	
Supplies & Services	65,300	(15,000)	(19%)
Capital Charges	115,000	0	+0%
Transfer Payments	0	(50,000)	(100%)
Income	(950,660)	(327,330)	(53%)
Grants and Contributions	(606,920)	18,140	+3%
Recharges	200,073	71,483	+56%
Net Expenditure: Homelessness	(187,497)	(237,507)	

Housing Advice (Natasha Beresford)				
Employees	106,640	11,640	+12%	
Transport	0	0		
Supplies & Services	35,230	(9,320)	(21%)	
Recharges	177,280	(17,931)	(9%)	
Net Expenditure: Housing Advice	319,150	(15,611)	(4%)	

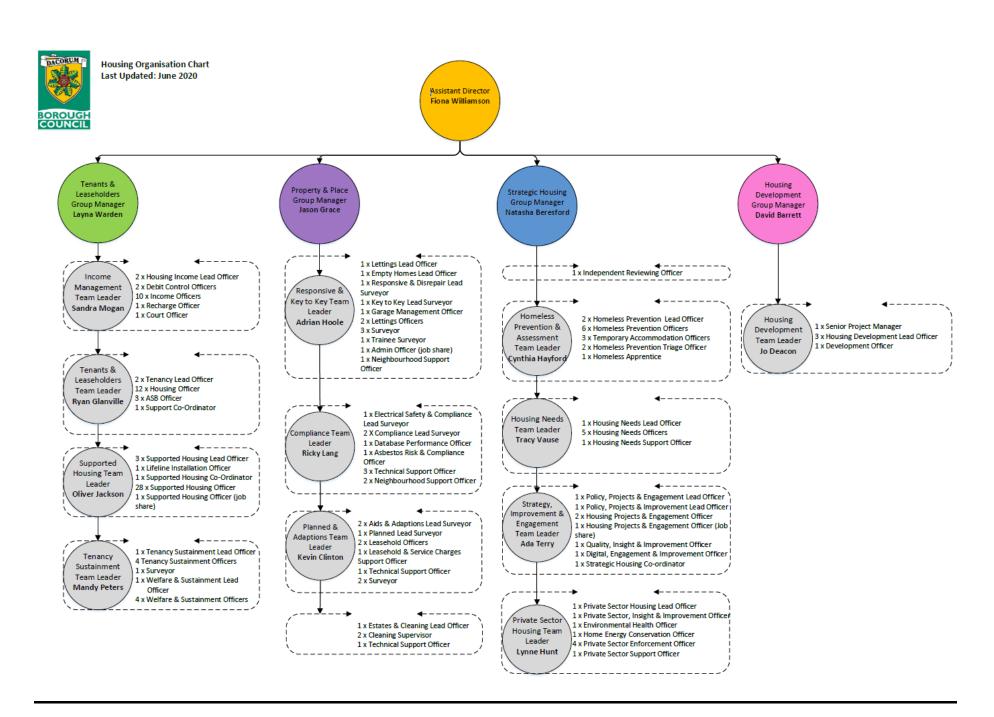
Housing Strategy (Natasha Beresford)				
Employees	555,320	135,510	+32%	
Transport	2,720	50	+2%	
Supplies & Services	18,020	(44,970)	(71%)	
Transfer Payments	5,000	0	+0%	
Income	(30,600)	(600)	(2%)	
Recharges	139,331	3,732	+3%	
Net Expenditure: Housing Strategy	689,791	93,722	+16%	

Net Expenditure: Housing Landlord (831,982) 166,038 +9%

HRA Summary

HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET SUMMARY 2019/20 & 2020/21			
£000	Original 2019/20	Growth / (Savings)	Estimate 2020/21
2000			
Income Dwelling Rents	(52,536)	(1,899)	(54,435)
Non-Dwelling Rents	(102)	0	(102)
Tenant Service Charges	(1,626)	109	(1,517)
Leaseholder Charges	(487)	(106)	(593)
Interest and Investment Income	(435)	243	(192)
Contributions to Expenditure	(645)	0	(645)
Total Income	(55,831)	(1,653)	(57,484)
Expenditure Repairs and Maintenance	12,068	0	12,068
Revenue Contribution to Capital	5,480	375	5,855
Supervision & Management	12,783	1,413	14,196
Corporate and Democratic Core	307	28	335
Rent, Rates, Taxes & Other Charges	35	1	36
Provision for Bad Debts	975	0	975
Interest Payable	11,558	28	11,586
Depreciation	12,625	241	12,866
Total Expenditure	55,831	2,086	57,917
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HRA Deficit / (Surplus)	0	433	433
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Housing Revenue Account Balance:			
Opening Balance at 1 April	(2,892)		(2,892)
Deficit / (Surplus) for the year	0		0
Closing Balance at 31 March	(2,892)		(2,892)
Earmarked Reserves:			
Opening Balance at 1 April	(18,146)		(18,579)
Contribution from / (to) Pension Reserve		433	433
Closing Balance at 31 March	(18,146)		(18,146)

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Workforce Planning Report

Group 1 – Strategic Housing

Staff turnover and risk	
 Recruitment Are there any skills that may prove difficult to recruit? How are you making these roles more attractive? 	Recruitment to technical roles across the council such as Surveyors and Environmental Health Officers is challenging, often leading to recruitment via temporary agencies, which is costly. SH have had regard to this in relation to the introduction of new Private Sector Enforcement roles and have sought to develop a job role that is effective to meet statutory requirements and support the single point of failure in 1 FTE EHO.
 Skills development What new skills do you need to deliver service objectives? Could we develop these in-house? How are you transferring or developing specialist skills? 	Housing Needs Team have undertaken cross training of staff within the team, as this has been identified as an area of risk with the high turnover of staff within the team. Additional skills and knowledge requirement to meet statutory demands of Private Sector management have been identified and a training plan has been undertaken, with regular refreshers required.
 Single Points of Failure Are there any single points of failure? How are you dealing with them? 	As mentioned in point 1, EHO is single point of failure and the development of the new PRS Enforcement Officer posts has mitigated against this to a point. Given the number of responsibilities, the service has, in order to ensure that the service is tackling all areas of responsibility, a further review of resource is ongoing, to enable the effective tackling of empty homes and enforcement activity. Strategic Housing Co-ordinator post, is vital role within the service gaps in this post can have a significant service impact. Working with other GM's to ensure consistency in management of these co-ordinators across to include cross training and awareness of different work areas. In the past year sickness and challenges in recruiting to the role of Housing Needs Officer have had a significant impact on the service delivery and performance in empty homes/lettings. The service has now made these roles generic in function to reduce single points of failure and build in resilience.
 Leadership How are you developing leadership in the team? 	A number of new Lead Officer posts were introduced within Strategic Housing approximately 18 months ago, due to new burdens. This has enabled these officers to be involved in key team and service plan objectives or lead projects. Additionally there have been several acting up opportunities as a result of other staff challenges, which has provided a development opportunity at Team Leader and Group Manager level. Training has been made available for a number of staff across the service to develop management skills, such as ILMs.

Group 2 – Property & Place

Staff turnover and risk	
 Recruitment Are there any skills that may prove difficult to recruit? How are you making these roles more attractive? 	All construction related and/or technical roles continue to be very difficult to recruit. Post Grenfell Health and Safety and compliance related qualifications are commanding an even greater premium in the marketplace. Consideration has to being given to what options are available to make the roles more attractive to attract and retain the correct candidates
 Skills development What new skills do you need to deliver service objectives? Could we develop these in-house? How are you transferring or developing specialist skills? 	Quantity Surveying, Risk management, compliance related skills including gas, Fire Risk assessments, Legionella, asbestos and M&E. Yes with additional training or qualifications Mentoring of staff and a number are undertaking degrees in Construction. Also have established a trainee empty homes surveyor role which will be covered by apprenticeship training levy.
 Single Points of Failure Are there any single points of failure? How are you dealing with them? 	Stock Database officer, Fire Risk Assessor, legionella, asbestos officer, surveyor. Additional staff are working with the Promaster software and further training will be undertaken to establish some super users of the system. Re-alignment of teams and roles to include cross team support and familiarity with specialist processes External specialist consultancy support is being used to increase capacity with Fire Risk assessments
How are you developing leadership in the team?	Invited participation at Team Leaders meetings, mentoring and coaching techniques used to assist Team Leaders to develop. Re-alignment of teams and roles to include cross team support and familiarity with specialist processes External and internal management training, and supporting professional membership qualifications (chartered status)

Group 3 – Tenants & Leaseholders

Staff turnover and risk	
 Recruitment Are there any skills that may prove difficult to recruit? How are you making these roles more attractive? 	There is a good level of demand for most full time roles within the Tenants and Leaseholder service. The levels of sickness and turn over in Housing Officer – Tenancy and Supported Housing Officers are high but mainly due to the numbers and that officers are keen to develop into new roles.
Skills developmentWhat new skills do you	A good knowledge of service charges is needed to implement
need to deliver service objectives? Could we develop these in-house? How are you transferring or developing specialist skills?	this service objective. Responsibility, skills and knowledge will be developed within the Income team. Resilience is needed to continue to manage the work load in the Tenancy and Sustainment Teams. This could be achieved through training, regular 121's and employee assistance support.
Single Points of Failure	
 Are there any single points of failure? How are you dealing with them? 	All single points of failure have been addressed through realignment and reviewing responsibilities.
Leadership	
 How are you developing leadership in the team? 	A joint team plan for the T&L team will ensure that managers are aware of the strategic direction and how their teams contribute. It will ensure partnerships across the service.
	A number of Officers have attended the in-house Introduction to Management Course. This will help identify those who can be future managers. Additionally offering the opportunity to offer mentoring and coaching across teams can provide support and develop leadership.

Group 4 – Housing Development

Staff turnover and risk	
 Recruitment Are there any skills that may prove difficult to recruit? How are you making these roles more attractive? 	Yes, there is a skills shortage of good quality project managers in housing development. Limited due to salary levels. Consideration of options of how this can be addressed is underway and use of specialist recruiters to target individuals in the market.
 Skills development What new skills do you need to deliver service objectives? Could we develop these in-house? How are you transferring or developing specialist skills? 	Improved project management skills. Yes, this is our approach Learning and support from our consultant team along with now having a team leader in post
 Single Points of Failure Are there any single points of failure? How are you dealing with them? 	No
 Leadership How are you developing leadership in the team? 	A new team leader in post who is undertaking management training. Coaching project management skills plus attending formal training events. Ongoing training and attendance at CPD events to supplement skills and knowledge within the team.