

Annual report of the Chairman of the Homes PDG 2022 - 2023

The Homes PDG targets and aims for 2022/2023 were to see progress in:

1. Housing provision
2. Homelessness
3. The improvement of Mid Devon's tenants properties and environment
4. Housing standards in the private sector

The construction of the award-winning modular homes at St. Andrews is underway, with similar pods at Shapland Place, Tiverton (on the site of the former dilapidated garages). With all the hurdles to progress out of the way, completion and occupancy of these homes is possible before the end of this Council in May.

Additional Council building schemes are near to fruition at Siddalls Gardens and Beech Road, Tiverton.

Mid Devon's housing build programme for the next 5 years has around 500 homes planned including 70 at Post Hill (currently at the tender stage after consultation and planning consent) as just a small part of our ambitious Housing Strategy.

Our Neighbourhood Team has been commended for its innovative approach to tackling Anti-social behaviour and dealing with loan sharks preying on our tenants.

Homelessness is to be combated by two former HMO's being purchased to provide temporary accommodation to lessen the reliance on hotel's and B&B's etc. The successful bid for three year's rough sleeper funding for 2023 – 2025 (totalling £346,000) will be of great assistance.

The desperate plight of Ukrainian citizens has seen Mid Devon rising to the occasion. 70 plus hosts providing support for over 200 guests. Agreement is in place with DLUHC to draw down up to £1.3m of Local Authority Housing Fund monies to support provision of additional temporary accommodation to alleviate housing pressures under the Afghan and Ukraine schemes. The effective and rapid roll-out of support for these unfortunate souls is a credit to our officers and staff.

In the private sector, Damp and Mould legislation, with regard to the tackling of standards in private rented accommodation, has been embraced by our housing teams.

Also under the umbrella of the Homes PDG, mandatory tenant satisfaction measures, anti-social behaviour (and its effects) and other numerous matters, to the benefit of the public welfare, have been addressed.

The Homes PDG thank all officers and staff for their help, commitment and assistance.