

Moray Local Housing Strategy 2013 - 2018 Action Plan (updated 13 September 2016)

Action	Responsibility	Timescale	Status
Priority 1: To address housing need and improve access to housing			
increasing the supply of affordable rented housing and maximising the value that can be achieved from any available Scottish Government funding	Increase the supply of affordable rented housing	Moray Council/ RSLs	Moray Affordable Housing Programme achieved 96 house completions in 2015/16.
	Develop a strategic land bank for affordable housing	Moray Council	Sites purchased in Elgin, Forres and Buckie.
	Contribute to the implementation of the Supplementary Planning Guidance: Affordable Housing	Moray Council	Complete
	Influence the size and design of houses provided in future affordable housing developments	Moray Council	Approx 40% of funding is allocated to development of amenity housing, although this varies slightly from site to site.
	Contribute to implementation of the Supplementary Planning Guidance: Accessible Housing	Moray Council	ongoing
	Research the market for, and feasibility of, intermediate tenures	Moray Council	ongoing
making best use of current stock by reviewing Allocations Policies, and minimising the time taken to relet empty properties	Regularly review allocations quotas	Moray Council/ RSLs	Allocations quotas reviewed in June 2016
	Review Moray Council's Downsizing Scheme	Moray Council	Review by November 2016 with actions implemented in April 2017.
	Complete the Moray Council Allocations Policy Review	Moray Council	Complete
	Assess the impact of Welfare reform on demand for housing services	Moray Council	ongoing
Priority 2: To meet our statutory obligations to homeless households			
Ensure provision of good quality advice and assistance on housing options	Homeless people receive prompt and easy access to help and advice	Moray Council	ongoing
	Ensure that the service complies with the Scottish Government's Housing Options Guidance	Moray Council	Ongoing with progress to be reviewed by 31 March 2017
	Review the Moray Keyfund	Moray Council	Review to be completed by October 2016.
Reconfigure temporary accommodation to fit changing demands		Moray Council	ongoing
Ensure appropriate housing support services are available to all who need it to prevent homelessness, and to break the cycle of repeat homelessness.		Moray Council	ongoing
Participate in the Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferencing (MARAC)		Community Planning Partners	ongoing
Continue to research homelessness issues and identify good practice		Moray Council	ongoing
Develop a better understanding of the outcomes the private rented sector can deliver for households who are in housing need		Moray Council	ongoing
Develop Homelessness Service User Involvement		Moray Council	ongoing

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Priority 3: To assist people with particular housing needs			
Older People	Increase the supply of amenity housing for affordable rent	2013-2015	Approx 40% of funding is allocated to development of amenity housing, although this varies slightly from site to site.
	Assess the need to increase supply of extra care housing	2016/17	
People with physical or sensory disabilities	Contribute to implementation of the Supplementary Planning Guidance: Accessible Housing	Ongoing	
	Increase the supply of accessible, affordable rented housing	Annual	SLP 2015-18 devotes 40% of funding allocation to development of accessible housing.
	Develop proposals to reduce disabled adaptations delivery timescales	2016/17	A review of Council's adaptation processes was carried out during 2016/17
People with learning disabilities	Contribute to completion of LD needs assessment	2016/18	Progression driven by Integration Joint Board
Gypsies/ Travellers	Contribute to the development of Local Development Plan Policy H11	2013/14	Complete
	Implement the Protocol and Guidelines for the Response to Unauthorised Camping in Moray	ongoing	ongoing
Priority 4: To improve the energy efficiency of housing and contribute to addressing climate change, and address fuel poverty			
Climate Change and fuel poverty	Develop the Home Energy Efficiency Programme Scotland (HEEPS) in Moray	2013-16	Programmes and funding agreed for 2015/16 and 2016/17
	Develop and implement a delivery model for the Green Deal	2013/14	Model has been developed in context of HEEPS programme with use of Energy Company Obligation funding to address fuel poverty priorities in Moray.
	Develop initiatives to deliver community energy schemes	2013-18	
	Promote high standards of energy efficiency and low carbon, sustainable design in the building of new affordable homes in Moray	Ongoing	New affordable homes being delivered as part of the SLP 2015-18 will meet "silver" level of the Building Standards and have 'B' EPC rating.
	Implement the requirements of the Social Housing Energy Efficiency Standard.	2015-18	

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Priority 5: To improve the condition of Moray's housing stock				
Social sector	Meet statutory requirements in relation to the Scottish Housing Quality Standard	Moray Council/ RSLs	2016/17	At 31 March 2016, 96% of Council houses met the SHQS
	Ensure that Council houses meet the Moray Standard	Moray Council	2016/17	At 31 March 2016, 75.8% of Council houses met the Moray Standard
Private sector	Implement and monitor the Scheme of Assistance	Moray Council	Ongoing	
	Develop ways of targetting support under the Scheme of Assistance to owners of BTS stock or those who cannot afford the cost of essential repairs	Moray Council	2013-15	Support, including interest-free loans, available to owners under the Empty Homes Strategy.
	Implement the Empty Homes Strategy	Moray Council	2016-2018	Ongoing
	Implement the Empty Homes Loan Fund	Moray Council	2016-2018	Ongoing
	Implement the Private Landlord Registration Scheme Repairing Standard	Moray Council	Ongoing	Ongoing
	Implement Third Party Reporting Guidance	Moray Council	2016-2018	Ongoing
	Review the use of enforcement action, including Housing Renewal Areas	Moray Council	2015-2018	Complete
Priority 6: To promote successful, safe, sustainable communities and social inclusion				
	Meet the standards and outcomes of the Social Housing Charter	Moray Council	Annual	ARC 2016 completed
	Improve tenant and customer engagement	Moray Council	Ongoing	Annual review of Tenant Participation Strategy completed in September 2016
	Develop Community sustainment and social inclusion in rural areas	Moray Council	2013-18	ongoing
	Deliver effective antisocial behaviour and community safety activities, through Community Planning structures	Moray Council	2013-18	ongoing
	Contribute to the implementation of the Moray Social Inclusion Strategy	Moray Council	2013-18	ongoing