

Work with the private rented sector to ensure properties are well maintained and managed.



Our Private Sector Housing Team works closely with Landlords and other property managers to ensure high standards are maintained. This ensures that a supply of appropriate properties meets community needs.

Support owner occupiers on low income to remain in their homes through disabled facilities grants and warm homes healthy people grants.

It is extremely important that we are able to allow people to maintain independence and remain in their homes by making best use of existing housing stock and adapting their homes to meet their needs.



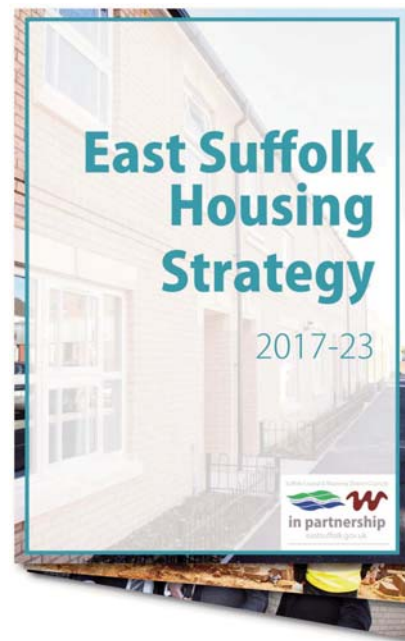
Use the range of powers available including Compulsory Purchase Orders to further reduce number of long term empty properties in East Suffolk.



Focusing on empty homes is an important part of maintaining and increasing the availability of properties to meet demand. Properties that are left empty can and should be brought back in to use wherever possible.



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Our housing priorities

Suffolk Coastal and Waveney have been working together for a number of years and we are setting out our joint ambitions for housing across the two districts. East Suffolk is a great place to live, work and visit but we have some significant local challenges.

Our area is diverse - including rural villages, market towns, coastal resorts and commercial ports - so one size does not fit all and we need a strategy that meets the different needs of different places and people. The full strategy can be found at www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/housing2023. However this summary outlines our nine key priorities that we will be focusing on across the next few years.

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Increase the amount of Council owned affordable housing from 4,479 homes to more than 5,100 homes including developing on Council owned and exception site land in Suffolk Coastal.



The east Suffolk Councils are determined to boost the number of houses being built in the districts by directly building our own new homes to complement those in development elsewhere.

Utilise the strength of Waveney's Housing assets and resources to support the delivery of the Lowestoft and Outer Harbour Area Action Plan.

The resources available to Waveney District Council through its Housing Revenue Account will be utilised build more homes, kick-starting development and the associated boost to economic growth in the area.



Increase the overall number of affordable homes in Waveney by 150 units per annum and in Suffolk Coastal by 100 units per annum.



As part of any programme of housing development, it is absolutely vital that there is an appropriate mix of availability. This increase will be achieved through council programmes as well as partnership with Housing Associations.

Actively support the broader supply of housing to ensure East Suffolk is the preferred location for private developers and housing associations.

By proactively supporting housebuilding and the importance of meeting demand, we intend to attract a range of private developers and housing associations to the benefits of this location.



Implement the Homelessness Reduction Act to ensure members of the community threatened with homelessness are provided with increased support.



We are totally committed to working closely with the most vulnerable in our community and with other agencies to ensure that the issues which can lead to homelessness are addressed and tackled.

Manage and maintain Council owned homes to ensure customer satisfaction levels exceed 85%.

We are proud of our award-winning track record in the management and maintenance of council-owned properties and we are committed to continuous improvement for the benefit of our residents.

