

## A Housing Strategy for North Tyneside 2023-2028

Our housing strategy will support the council's ambition to **Build a Better North Tyneside** by delivering the following key priorities:

- Provide 5,000 affordable homes
- Support regeneration of the borough
- Reduce derelict and empty properties
- Low carbon homes
- Continue to improve standards in the private rented sector
- Prevent homelessness and meet specialist housing needs
- Provide support and advice to tenants and residents
- Create safe and welcoming communities and tackle anti-social behaviour

### Our themes and actions

#### Deliver more affordable homes and support regeneration plans

- Deliver 5,000 affordable homes
- An affordability plan to increase low-cost home ownership
- Increase delivery through the North Tyneside Trading Company
- Identify new opportunities to accelerate housing delivery
- Work with our strategic partners to access Brownfield Funding and other grant opportunities to support the delivery of new homes
- Develop housing-led regeneration plans and focus on opportunities in our town centres

#### Prevent homelessness and improve our specialist housing offer

- Explore options for expanding our night shelter provision
- Research and introduce new approaches to prevent rough sleeping
- Further work with private sector landlords
- Increase support for the mental health & wellbeing of our residents
- Refresh the Market Position Statement to identify future specialist need

#### Improve the private rented sector and tackle derelict properties

- Continue to reduce the number of long-term empty homes
- Target derelict homes and commercial properties
- Continue to work with private landlords to drive up quality in the private rented sector
- Develop new, innovative solutions to reduce the number of derelict properties
- Explore options for a new Landlord Accreditation and Licensing Schemes

#### Lead the way - greener homes to support carbon zero by 2030

- Ensure all new council homes are built to 2025 standards and free from fossil fuel
- Improve energy efficiency of our existing stock
- Promote a fabric first approach and explore retrofit options for council homes
- Maximise grant funding to deliver energy efficiency measures in homes across the borough
- Work with the North of Tyne Combined Authority to develop a framework for low carbon energy installers
- Explore finance models to provide greener energy measures in homes

#### Support our tenants and residents and improve our communities

- Provide support and advice to tackle fuel poverty and the cost-of-living crisis
- Continue to meet the decent homes standard in all council homes
- Ensure our communities are kept clean, safe and welcoming
- Continue to target and tackle anti-social behaviour
- Support our Armed Forces veterans
- Increase support and advice to residents to maintain their independence and remain in their homes
- Respond to the emerging Housing White Paper