Affordable Rural Housing Task and Finish Group

Terms of Reference

Brief:

Research how other local authorities have successfully increased the delivery of affordable housing (directly and indirectly) within their boundaries and identify best practice and look at the successful establishment of community land trusts in rural areas and how these have been achieved.

This policy research piece should stay focused on identifying practical and implementable solutions in the South Hams context, working within the framework of the housing thematic delivery plan (Better Lives for All) and wider housing strategy.

Timescales:

Timescale for reporting back to Executive should be decided by O&S, but should reflect the housing crisis and the urgency for action.

Group membership:

To be decided by O&S, but should any members of the Council, not necessarily O&S Committee members, with a particular interest and expertise in planning and housing matters. In depth member research of this kind is expected to be time consuming and members may want to consider their availability on that basis.

Resourcing:

It is recognised that administrative support will be needed to facilitate virtual meetings with other Councils and will be provided. It will be for the group to undertake the research, compile recommendations and report back to Executive, following consideration by O&S.