

People Priority 2 - Make the best use and improve the quality of existing housing				
Task	Aim	Timescale	Lead Person	Related actions from Housing Strategy and Housing Crisis
Ensure that the evidence base being built for the JLP review includes data from wider partner agencies to ensure it reflects local need, to include accessibility, learning disability and age related needs.	Ensure that all delivery and need monitoring is holistic and up to date	Ongoing	Specialists	Interrogate new Census data to predict future housing trends and needs.
Using current Census data and other sources, develop a better understanding of; Property sizes across all tenure, current cost of private rented property and data on the high value areas to contribute to future JLP/policy amendments	Contributing to reviews and collating evidence. Mapping of evidence/information to be produced on interactive map to contribute to understanding the Housing Crisis.	Commenced and ongoing	Specialists	
To hold an annual gypsy, traveller forum aimed at consulting on the needs of the travelling community.	To ensure that we are listening to that community.	Annually	Senior Specialist - Housing	Regularly communicate with residents, agencies, partners and our Communities to ensure an up to date, two way, understanding of current needs and services.
To develop guidance and publish on our website, the local authority approach to Gypsy, Traveller and Van dweller issues to ensure clarity on the process and actions which will be taken.	To make sure communities understand what, if any, action has been taken on unauthorised encampments.	Autumn 22	Senior Specialist - Housing	
Investigate the feasibility of creating a community housing bus for engagement with local people around housing issues	To promote community engagement around Seamoor Homes, new developments and general housing advice.	1 year	Senior specialist - Housing Enabling	Encourage long-term empty homes back into use.
To encourage Empty Homes back in to use and to investigate Compulsory Purchase Order powers or management orders where applicable	To ensure genuinely 'Empty Homes' are brought back into available housing stock.	Mar-23	Senior Specialists - EH	Promote the Tenants Incentive Scheme to encourage and incentivise tenants in social housing to downsize. Highlighted

To review and update the policy for the Tenants Incentive Scheme	To provide a clear understanding of the policy and procedures for applying for and processing an application for a TIS payment	May-22	Specialists - Housing Enabling / Housing	as a priority for the Housing Crisis in South Hams & West Devon
Promote Tenants Incentive Scheme widely to ensure maximum take up. Additional housing revenue funding has been allocated to increase payments made to those tenants downsizing to make the move more attractable and affordable.	Encourage family sized accommodation to be returned to available housing stock to meet the needs of local families.	Ongoing	Specialists	Work with our partners to seek re-development opportunities to enhance the current housing stock and to meet the needs of residents. Highlighted as a priority for the Housing Crisis in South Hams & West Devon
Work alongside the VOA to request a review of the Broad Market Area; to better reflect the costs of rents in the South Hams and West Devon. Collection of further data to show the disparity between private rents and the local housing allowance to support continued lobbying for increased frequency of LHA review	Better align local rents with Housing Allowance allocations.	Lobbying activity commenced with a letter to Michael Gove Minister for DHLUC and is ongoing	Housing Service Lead & Senior Specialist Housing Benefit	Highlighted as a priority for the Housing Crisis in South Hams
To continue to update and expand the newly launched Seamoor Homes website	To provide a wide choice of housing options available for people to buy or rent at less than market values and to seek wider opportunities for people to access the home ownership ladder.	1 year	Senior Specialists - Housing and Housing Enabling	Seek to expand our own in-house private lettings service Seamoor Lettings. Highlighted as a priority for the Housing Crisis in South Hams