



Background Paper 4

# RENFREWSHIRE LOCAL HOUSING STRATEGY 2016-2021: Local and National Policy Context



This is background paper 4 to Renfrewshire's Local Housing Strategy 2016-2021.

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## Summary of National Policy Context

<b>The Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2015</b>	Requires local authorities and health boards to deliver integrated health and social care services for adult services.
<b>Age, Home and Community: A Strategy for Housing Scotland's Older People 2012-2021</b>	Presents a vision for housing and housing-related support for older people.
<b>The Housing (Scotland) Act 2014</b>	Will bring in changes to help make better use of existing stock of social rented homes, supports improvement in private sector housing quality, and more efficient access to justice for landlords and tenants in the private rented sector. Abolishes the Right to Buy in late 2016.
<b>The Private Rented Sector Strategy: A Place to Stay, a place to call Home 2013,</b>	Sets out the Scottish Government's vision to enable growth and investment to help increase overall private rented sector supply, to improve the quality of the sector and to improve consumer confidence.
<b>Scottish Planning Policy 2014</b>	Scottish Government policy on land use planning.
<b>Creating Places 2013 and Designing Streets 2010</b>	Scottish Government's policy statement on architecture and place and a policy document for Scotland on street design.
<b>Town Centre Action Plan 2013</b>	Recognises the importance of securing the future of town centres, and encouraging town centre living.
<b>Scotland's Sustainable Housing Strategy</b>	Scottish Government's vision for warm, high quality, affordable, low carbon homes and a housing sector that helps establish a low carbon economy.
<b>Joint Housing Delivery Plan for Scotland 2014</b>	Developed by the Joint Housing Policy & Delivery Group, it sets out actions which the group agrees are needed to deliver the government's strategic vision: that all people in Scotland live in high quality sustainable homes that they can afford and that meet their needs.
<b>Scotland Act 2016</b>	This Act gives the Scottish parliament power over a range of matters including disability benefits, Discretionary Housing Payments and the power to vary the housing element of Universal Credit.
<b>Private Housing (Tenancies) (Scotland) Act 2016</b>	Creates a new tenancy agreement for the private rented sector to ensure tenants will have more security, stability and predictability when privately renting a home in Scotland.

## Local Policy Context – Key Plans and Strategies

### 1. Community Plan 2013-23

The Renfrewshire Community Plan and Single Outcome Agreement 2013-23 has six key themes:

• Jobs and the Economy;
• Community Care, Health and Wellbeing;
• Children and Young People;
• A Safer and Stronger Renfrewshire
• A Greener Renfrewshire;
• Empowering our Communities.

Relevant housing outcomes, to which actions in the Renfrewshire Local Housing Strategy (LHS) 2016-2021 will contribute include:

By 2023:

- Our residents will be supported to live independently as long as possible in their own homes and communities;
- Our communities live their lives safe from violence and antisocial behaviour and having a responsible approach to accessing and using alcohol;
- Residents of Renfrewshire will live in homes which are well insulated and efficient;
- The number of households living in fuel poverty will be reduced; and
- Sustainable growth will be delivered by directing development to locations which create sustainable communities and high quality places.

Table 1 overleaf illustrates the relationship between the National Outcomes, Renfrewshire’s Community Plan themes and the outcomes in this LHS.

Table 1. Relationship between the LHS Outcomes and Renfrewshire’s Community Plan and National Outcomes

Community Plan Theme – Jobs and the economy			
National Outcome	We realise our full economic potential with more and better employment opportunities for our people	LHS Outcome	<b>Outcome 1</b> – sets out plans to deliver new private and affordable homes, encouraging investment and supporting jobs in the construction sector.
	We live in a Scotland that is the most attractive place for doing business in Europe		<b>Outcomes 2</b> – sets out plans to create sustainable communities and support investment in Renfrewshire’s Town Centres, promoting economic growth.
Community Plan Theme - A safer and stronger Renfrewshire			
National Outcome	We live our lives free from crime, disorder and danger	LHS Outcome	<p><b>Outcome 1</b> – sets out plans to bring empty homes back into use, helping to improve perceptions of community safety as well as increase the supply of housing.</p> <p><b>Outcome 2</b> – sets plans to develop area based strategies for areas with low demand housing stock to improve neighbourhood quality and community safety through housing regeneration.</p>

Community Plan Theme – A greener Renfrewshire			
National Outcome	We live in well designed, sustainable places where we are able to access the amenities and services we need	LHS Outcome	<b>Outcome 2</b> – sets out plans to deliver sustainable neighbourhoods and well-functioning town centres through targeted investment and housing regeneration.
	We value and enjoy our built and natural environment and protect it and enhance it for future generations		<b>Outcome 3</b> – sets out plans to improve private tenemental property which is in poor condition and adversely affecting the amenity of the area.
	We reduce the local and global environmental impact of our consumption and production.		<b>Outcome 4</b> – sets out plans to reduce carbon emissions by improving home energy efficiency and minimising fuel poverty.
Community Plan Theme – Community care, health and wellbeing			
National Outcome	We have tackled the significant inequalities in Scottish society	LHS Outcome	<b>Outcome 5</b> – sets out plans to provide advice and support to vulnerable households and prevent homelessness.
	We live longer, healthier lives		<b>Outcome 6</b> – sets out plans to meet the needs of older people and specific groups to promote health and wellbeing activities and support independent living.

Community Plan theme – Children and young people			
National Outcome	We have improved the life chances for children, young people and families at risk	LHS Outcome	<p><b>Outcome 5</b> – sets out plans to improve access to Health and Social Care services for women and children facing homelessness.</p> <p><b>Outcome 6</b> – sets out plans to support young care leavers’ transition into independent living.</p>
Community Plan theme – Empowering our communities			
National Outcome	We have strong resilient and supportive communities where people take responsibility for their own actions and how they affect others	LHS Outcome	<p><b>Outcome 2</b> – sets out plans to work with local communities to develop and implement local regeneration strategies.</p> <p><b>Outcome 3</b> - sets out plans to support home owners and private landlords to meet their responsibility to maintain their home / rented property.</p>

## **2. The Council Plan 2014-2017**

The Council Plan, “A Better Future, A Better Council” outlines the Council’s improvement agenda over the period 2014-2017. To create a better future, Renfrewshire Council will focus on achieving the following outcomes, linked to the Community Plan:

- increased, sustainable investment in our economy;
- improved health, well-being and life chances for Children and Families;
- improved support to vulnerable adults;
- reduction in the causes and impact of poverty; and
- a safer and stronger Renfrewshire.

## **3. Clydeplan’s Strategic Development Plan Proposed Plan 2016**

The Proposed Plan was published January 2016 and marks an important step in the review of the current Strategic Development Plan (SDP). The Clydeplan Proposed Plan sets out the vision for the long term development of the Clydeplan area over the next 20 years and deals with cross boundary issues such as housing, economic development, centres and strategic infrastructure including transport and green networks.

The SDP informs the preparation of the Housing Supply Targets in the LHS and the Housing Land Requirements to be addressed in Local Development Plans across the Clydeplan area.

The section on Housing Need, Affordability and Specialist Provision in the Proposed SDP sets out the broad policy challenges in meeting housing need and demand along with setting affordable housing targets.

## **4. Renfrewshire Local Development Plan**

The Renfrewshire Local Development Plan (2014) sets out the Spatial Strategy that will facilitate investment and guide the future use of land in Renfrewshire. With a focus on supporting sustainable economic growth, it sets out where future development should and should not occur, identifying opportunities for regeneration and enhancement and directing development to locations that are economically, socially and environmentally sustainable.

## **5. Glasgow City Region City Deal**

The “City Deal” brings together eight councils, including Renfrewshire, in the Glasgow City Region, sharing £1.13billion of public sector investment through an Infrastructure Fund. Investment will support continued growth of the city region by enhancing transport infrastructure, unlocking new sites for housing and employment and enhancing public transport over the next 5 to 15 years.

Renfrewshire will benefit from three of the most significant projects: Clyde Waterfront/Renfrew Riverside which includes a new bridge crossing between Renfrew and Yoker and a New Development Road to the north of Renfrew Town Centre, Glasgow Airport Investment Area and Glasgow Airport Surface Access Improvements. These projects will deliver infrastructure improvements creating new employment opportunities and further housing developments throughout Renfrewshire.

## **6. Paisley Town Centre Asset Strategy**

Paisley Town Centre Heritage Asset Strategy was launched in June 2014, with the aim of regenerating and supporting investment in Paisley Town Centre by building on the town's outstanding cultural assets, heritage, and creative sector.

## **7. Joint Commissioning Strategy for Older People 2014**

This strategy sets out a vision for the shape of services and support for older people over the next ten years. It recognises that the statutory services provided by the NHS and Social Work are only part of the picture. The third sector, families, carers, independent sector, other council services, GPs, community groups and older people themselves all have a part to play in making sure Renfrewshire is a safe and supportive place for older people to live. Providing appropriate housing and housing support to enable older people to stay longer within their communities is key to this strategy.

## **8. Renfrewshire Tackling Poverty Commission – Recommendations**

The Commission examined the nature, causes and impact of poverty in Renfrewshire. Their final report, "Tackling Poverty in Renfrewshire" published in March 2015 noted that one in five children in Renfrewshire live in poverty. It makes a number of recommendations to mitigate and minimise the impact of poverty in Renfrewshire.

## **9. Health and Social Care Integration – Strategic Plan 2016-2019**

The Health and Social Care Integration Joint Board (IJB) approved the Strategic Plan in March 2016. This plan provides direction for the actions needed to improve health and social care services and details the IJB's approach to integrating health and social care services in Renfrewshire.

The Housing Contribution Statement accompanying the Strategic Plan outlines the critical partnership role that the local housing sector has in terms of improving health and social care outcomes for people in Renfrewshire.

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