

## Housing, Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2023-28

**Action Plan update 2024** 

## Priority 1: We will increase our provision of quality, sustainable and affordable housing

| Goals and Actions  | Targets and Milestones                                     | Target Date                | Lead/Partnerships         |
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| We will increase the supply of                                 | Continue to develop pipeline of                            | Ongoing through to 2028    | Housing Development – New |
| affordable housing   | potential 106 acquisitions and land led schemes identified |                            | Business Manager          |
| (This will include seeking carbon net                          |  |                            |                           |
| zero homes on 100% of CBC owned land-led sites; and seeking to |  |                            |                           |
| upgrade the specification of CBC-                              |  |                            |                           |
| owned s106 affordable homes                                    |  |                            |                           |
| acquisitions.)   |  |                            |                           |
| We will increase the supply of                                 | (Delivery target of 450 CBC-owned                          | To March 2028              | Housing Development, New  |
| affordable housing   | affordable homes over 5 years)                             |                            | Business Manager          |
| We will increase the supply of                                 | Delivery of Monkscroft school site (c.70                   |                            | Housing Development,      |
| affordable housing   | affordable homes)  |                            | Regeneration Manager      |
|  | Planning application Start on site                         | Autumn 2024<br>Autumn 2025 |                           |
|  | Completion   | Autumn 2027                |                           |
|  |  |                            |                           |
| We will increase the supply of                                 | Swindon Road (c.24 affordable homes)                       |                            | Housing Development, New  |
| affordable housing   | Start on site  | Autumn 2024                | Business Manager          |
|  | Completion   | Summer 2026                |                           |
|  | 25   |                            |                           |
| We will increase the supply of                                 | Manor Farm: s.106 site (70 affordable                      |                            | Housing Development, New  |
| affordable housing   | homes)   | Winter 2024                | Business Manager          |
|  | Start on site Completion                                   | Autumn 2028                |                           |
|  | Completion   |                            |                           |

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| We will increase the supply of affordable housing  | Overall affordable housing target of<br>115 affordable homes by Registered<br>Providers and CBC across the Borough<br>during 2024/25      | 2024/25   | Senior Housing Enabling Officer<br>Registered Providers                     |
| We will increase the supply of affordable housing  | GV planning submission  Bring GV land to the market for development   | complete  Autumn/Winter 2024                            | Head of Development   |
| We will increase the supply of affordable housing  | New contract between CBC and Homes<br>England to enable access to grant<br>funding via the Affordable Homes<br>Programme.                 | Summer 2024   | Housing Development, New<br>Business Manager                                |
| We will identify use of commuted sums and Homes England grant funding to enable delivery of affordable homes that might otherwise be unviable. | Identification of land and property that would not be viable for the delivery of affordable homes without the injection of commuted sums. | Regular review and allocation during 2024/25 and beyond | Housing Strategy & Partnerships<br>Manager                                  |
| We will actively monitor development and show how CBC is delivering against housing requirement targets.                                       | Via a five year housing land supply position statement  | Summer 2024   | Planning Policy Team  |
| We will progress a new Strategic and Local Plan  | Preferred Options, which will include<br>new housing policies (regulation 18 –<br>part 2)   | March 2025  | Planning Policy Team Housing Strategy & Enabling Tewkesbury Borough Council |

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|  | Remaining milestones to be confirmed, but should be in accordance with the published Local Development Scheme |                                | Gloucester City Council  |
| We will produce a Cheltenham,<br>Gloucester and Tewkesbury<br>Affordable Housing Guidance Note   | Agreement from Affordable Housing<br>Partnership<br>Cabinet Approval  | Autumn/Winter 2024 Spring 2025 | Housing Strategy & Enabling<br>Affordable Housing Partnership<br>(CBC lead)    |
| We will produce an action plan to address the current deficiency in the 5 year housing land supply   | Action Plan approved, subject to outcomes of government reforms on future requirements                        | Summer 2024                    | Planning Policy Team   |
| We will provide training to Members on planning, and identify other engagement activities which will be carried out on an annual basis   | Timetable agreed Delivery of activities   | Ongoing                        | Planning Team - Development<br>Management                                      |
| We will keep under review the<br>Leader's Allocations of Executive<br>Functions to ensure it provides<br>sufficient agility to enable the<br>acquisition of homes for affordable<br>housing purposes | Review as needed in light of future acquisition programme   | Ongoing                        | Property Services and Housing<br>Development Team                              |
| We will increase transparency for developers regarding our expectations over the delivery of affordable homes, thereby speeding up the negotiation process on s106 agreements                        | First Homes Technical Advice Note   | Autumn 2025                    | Housing Strategy & Enabling<br>Affordable Housing Partnership<br>(CBC leading) |

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| We will increase transparency for developers regarding our expectations over the delivery of affordable homes, thereby speeding up the negotiation process on s106 agreements | Develop systems and processes ahead of potential implementation of First Homes   | Winter 2025           | Housing Strategy & Enabling   |
| We will increase transparency for developers regarding our expectations over the delivery of affordable homes, thereby speeding up the negotiation process on s106 agreements | Develop advisory note for developers to support affordable housing policies  | 2024-25               | Housing Strategy & Enabling<br>Cheltenham, Gloucester and<br>Tewkesbury Affordable Housing<br>Partnership |
| We will review our Affordable<br>Housing Partnership of Preferred<br>Registered Providers   | Review of exclusion criteria around updated customer standards   | Summer 2024           | Housing Strategy & Enabling   |
| We will review our Affordable<br>Housing Partnership of Preferred<br>Registered Providers   | Evaluation of new requests from RPs to become Preferred Providers  | Autumn/Winter 2024/25 | Housing Strategy & Enabling Affordable Housing Partnership (CBC lead)                                     |
| We will review our Affordable<br>Housing Partnership of Preferred<br>Registered Providers   | Review Memorandum of<br>Understanding  | Summer 2024           | Housing Strategy & Enabling Affordable Housing Partnership (CBC lead)                                     |
| We will increase the supply of CBC-<br>owned private rented<br>accommodation  | Initial review of cost assumptions, including exploring the potential for providing houses in multiple occupation (HMOs) | 24/25                 | Director – Major Development and<br>Regeneration  |

Priority 2: We will make best use of our existing housing, improving the quality of homes and reducing carbon emissions

| <b>Goals and Actions</b>  | Targets and Milestones  | Target Date           | Lead/ Partnerships                         |
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| We will support CBC's aspiration for<br>Cheltenham to be net zero carbon<br>by 2030 | We will implement Wave 2.1 of the Social Housing Decarbonisation Project, improving the energy efficiencies of c.200 council-owned homes.                     | Autumn2025            | Head of Technical & Investment<br>Services |
|   | We will explore the potential for<br>further funding opportunities via<br>the government's anticipated Wave<br>3 of SHDP to be announced in<br>Autumn 2024    | Autumn/Winter 2024/25 |  |
| We will support CBC's aspiration for<br>Cheltenham to be net zero carbon<br>by 2030 | We will examine opportunities to improve biodiversity, flood resilience and recycling via our CBC planned investment programmes (through neighbourhood works) | 2024/25               | Head of Technical & Investment<br>Services |
| We will support CBC's aspiration for<br>Cheltenham to be net zero carbon<br>by 2030 | Developers will be provided the Climate Change Supplementary planning document to advise and guide on how to ensure new developments are low carbon.          | Ongoing               | Director of Climate Change.                |
| We will support CBC's aspiration for Cheltenham to be net zero carbon by 2030       | SAP rating target 74.2  | Spring 2025           | Head of Technical & Investment<br>Services |

| Goals and Actions   | Targets and Milestones   | Target Date     | Lead/ Partnerships                         |
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| We will support CBC's aspiration for<br>Cheltenham to be net zero carbon<br>by 2030     | Target of 100% of council-owned homes to be at least EPC C Milestone targets to be monitored from 25/26                  | 2030            | Head of Technical & Investment<br>Services |
| We will support CBC's aspiration for<br>Cheltenham to be net zero carbon<br>by 2030     | We will regularly monitor and review performance of the jointly commissioned Warm & Well scheme                          | 24/25 (ongoing) | Private Sector Housing Team                |
| We will provide higher quality CBC-<br>owned homes that are safe and<br>well-maintained | Build TSM (KPI) reporting onto CBC website   | Summer 2024     | Comms Team                                 |
| We will provide higher quality CBC-<br>owned homes that are safe and<br>well-maintained | Commissioning of a new stock condition survey  | Summer 2024     | Head of Technical & Investment<br>Services |
| We will provide higher quality CBC-<br>owned homes that are safe and<br>well-maintained | Implementation & completion of a repairs transformation project to include: data, technology and efficiency improvements | Summer 2024     | Head of Building Services                  |
| We will provide higher quality CBC-<br>owned homes that are safe and<br>well-maintained | Review of CBC's void standard,<br>developing new ideas for<br>improvement<br>initial phase- scoping project:             | 2024/25         | Head of Building Services                  |

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| We will provide higher quality CBC-<br>owned homes that are safe and<br>well-maintained         | Examining opportunities for the regeneration and redevelopment of housing estates and other sites across Cheltenham  | 2024/25 (and ongoing) | Housing Development Team    |
| We will improve standards in the private sector   | Commissioning of a county-wide housing condition survey  | complete              | Private Sector Housing Team |
|   | Completion of county-wide housing condition survey and report setting out findings   | 24/25                 |                             |
| We will improve standards in the private sector   | Identification of properties with Health & Safety Hazards and taking appropriate action – we will aim to increase the safety of more than 600 households during 2024/25                          | 2024/25               | Private Sector Housing Team |
| We will improve standards in the private sector   | Carrying out accreditation inspections on request as part of CBC's Fit for Rent initiative   | 2024/25               | Private Sector Housing Team |
| We will make best use of our existing homes and reduce the number of empty homes in the Borough | We will establish arrangements over<br>the potential acquisition of long<br>term empty homes for use as<br>affordable housing.   | 2024/25               | Private Sector Housing Team |
| We will make best use of our existing homes and reduce the number of empty homes in the Borough | Options for use of Compulsory Purchase Orders (CPOs) will continue to be explored on bringing the most difficult properties back into use in conjunction with formalised negotiation procedures. | Ongoing, as required  | Private Sector Housing Team |

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| We will make best use of our existing homes and reduce the number of empty homes in the Borough | Ongoing delivery of CBH's Help to Move Scheme to Incentivise downsizing  Target for 24/25 = 20 | 2024/25 (ongoing) | Head of Housing Services |

## Priority 3: We will tackle homelessness and the causes of homelessness

| <b>Goals and Actions</b>  | Targets and Milestones   | Target Date           | Lead/Partnerships    |
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| We will work across partnerships to ensure there is a coordinated approach to supporting households with complex needs (including mental ill-health and drugs & alcohol misuse) | Promotion of early reporting of 'Duty to Refer' by partner organisations   | 2024/25               | Housing Options Team |
| We will work across partnerships to ensure there is a coordinated approach to supporting households with complex needs (including mental ill-health and drugs & alcohol misuse) | Keep under review the effectiveness of non-commissioned, Intensive Housing Management (IHM) accommodation, improving standards where necessary | 2024/25 (and ongoing) | Revs & Benefits Team |
| We will work across partnerships to ensure there is a coordinated approach to supporting households with complex needs (including   | Ensure Housing Options Service's Housing Interventions Officers are able to work flexibly across areas to provide a proactive approach to      | 2024/25 (and ongoing) | Housing Options Team |

| <b>Goals and Actions</b>  | Targets and Milestones  | Target Date   | Lead/Partnerships   |
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| mental ill-health and drugs & alcohol misuse)   | working with households with complex needs  |   |   |
| We will work across partnerships to ensure there is a coordinated approach to supporting households with complex needs (including mental ill-health and drugs & alcohol misuse) | Work with ex-offenders who are homeless to help explore alternative housing solutions balancing risks and taking account of the needs of the local area | 2024/25 (complete and now ongoing as business as usual) | Housing Options Team  |
| We will ensure that appropriate accommodation and support services are available are available for survivors of domestic abuse  | Awareness raising of domestic abuse services amongst teams across relevant agencies to ensure   | 2024/25 (and ongoing)                                   | Commissioned services via the Domestic Abuse Partnership                  |
| We will ensure that appropriate accommodation and support services are available are available for survivors of domestic abuse  | Implementation of new Places of Safety Service (increase provision across the county from 12 to 24)   | 2024/25   | Domestic Abuse Partnership -<br>Outcomes Manager                          |
| We will ensure that appropriate accommodation and support services are available are available for survivors of domestic abuse  | Commissioning, monitoring and keeping under review target hardening and sanctuary services. (New contract)  | Summer 2025   | Housing Strategy & Enabling<br>Gloucestershire partnership<br>Greensquare |
| We will ensure that appropriate accommodation and support services are available are available for survivors of domestic abuse  | Embedding county-wide Domestic<br>Abuse Interventions Officers within<br>Housing Options Service  | Now embedded  | Housing Options Manager   |
|   | Review of service   | 2024/25   |   |

| Goals and Actions   | Targets and Milestones  | Target Date   | Lead/Partnerships                   |
|---|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| We will identify and respond to the housing needs of young people, including care leavers | Review funding arrangements and continuation of grant-funded Gloucestershire Nightstop Service  | Complete  | Housing Strategy & Enabling Officer |
|   | New grant awarded to March 2027<br>Regular monitoring of outcomes   | 6 monthly   |                                     |
| We will identify and respond to the housing needs of young people, including care leavers | Nightstop to pilot a range of initiatives as follows:  - Supported lodgings scheme - Peer befriending project - Day stop service (providing intensive support and a safe space for young homeless people) | Ongoing Complete – now in operation Complete – now in operation | Gloucestershire Nightstop           |
| We will identify and respond to the housing needs of young people, including care leavers | Sign-off and implement new county-<br>wide protocol for 16/17 years olds<br>to ensure effective joint working<br>across housing & children's services   | Summer 2024   | Housing Options Manager             |
| We will identify and respond to the housing needs of young people, including care leavers | Sign-off and implement new protocol arrangements for care leavers, ensuring a trauma-informed approach is taken to evaluating housing needs   | Summer 2024   | Housing Options Manager             |

| Goals and Actions  | Targets and Milestones  | Target Date  | Lead/Partnerships  |
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| We will identify and respond to the housing needs of young people, including care leavers                            | Keep under review pathways into and out of supported housing to ensure they remain effective  | 2024/25 (and ongoing)  | Housing Options Manager  |
| We will help homeless households access the private rented sector  | Keeping under review, and flexible, the assistance that can be made available to homeless households to enable them to access private rented accommodation, subject to available finance  | 2024/25 (and ongoing)  | Housing Options Manager  |
| We will help homeless households access the private rented sector  | Ensuring households with shortfalls in rent can seek Discretionary Housing Payments on a short-term basis, while alternative options are considered   | 2024/25 (and ongoing)  | Housing Options Manager  |
| We will help homeless households access the private rented sector  | In the event of our DLUHC allocated DHP funding running out, we will apply for the DLUHC for approval to allocate funding from the council's Housing Revenue Account to top up Discretionary Housing Payments for our council tenants | As required  | Revs & Bens Team/s151 Officer                                    |
| We will seek to minimise placements into Bed & Breakfast Accommodation and time spent in inappropriate accommodation | Consider new emergency accommodation solutions within the Borough, via partner agencies   | New solutions found and in place, will be an ongoing review in light of increasing pressures | Housing Options Manager  Housing Strategy & Partnerships Manager |
| We will seek to minimise placements into Bed & Breakfast   | Target - no more than 5 households in B&B at any one time   | End of each quarter  | Housing Options Manager  |

| Goals and Actions  | Targets and Milestones  | Target Date           | Lead/Partnerships                          |
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| Accommodation and time spent in inappropriate accommodation  |   |                       |  |
| We will work with partners to ensure we continue to support the Gloucestershire Armed Forces Covenant            | Active monitoring of good practice guidelines so that local approaches remain aligned   | Ongoing               | Housing Options Manager                    |
| We will work with partners to ensure we continue to support the Gloucestershire Armed Forces Covenant            | Keeping under review the potential<br>to expand social housing provision<br>of homes for veterans, if supported<br>by sufficient evidence of local needs                | As required           | Housing Strategy & Partnerships<br>Manager |
| We will ensure that systems and partnerships remain effective and agile in the face of newly emerging challenges | Apply data from Housing Options<br>Service to ensure homelessness<br>prevention funding is directed into<br>the most appropriate homelessness<br>prevention initiatives | 2024/25 (and ongoing) | Housing Strategy & Partnerships<br>Manager |
| We will ensure that systems and partnerships remain effective and agile in the face of newly emerging challenges | No more than 20 households in<br>Temporary Accommodation for<br>24/25   | Quarterly             | Housing Options Service                    |
| We will ensure that systems and partnerships remain effective and agile in the face of newly emerging challenges | No more than 96 homelessness acceptances for 24/25  | End March 2024        | Housing Options Service                    |
| We will ensure that systems and partnerships remain effective and agile in the face of newly emerging challenges | No less than 400 homelessness prevention and reliefs for 24/25  | End March 2024        | Housing Options Service                    |
| We will ensure that systems and partnerships remain effective and  | Work with partners to ensure<br>Ukraine and Refugee Sponsorship   | 2024/25               | Housing Strategy & Partnerships Manager    |

| <b>Goals and Actions</b>   | Targets and Milestones  | Target Date   | Lead/Partnerships   |
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| agile in the face of newly emerging challenges   | Scheme and other related initiatives continues to be developed and remain effective in preventing homelessness  |   | Housing Options Manager Gloucestershire County Council                    |
| We will ensure that systems and partnerships remain effective and agile in the face of newly emerging challenges | Review of Homeseeker Allocations<br>Policy  | 2024-26   | Housing Strategy & Partnerships<br>Manager<br>Homeseeker Management Board |
| We will ensure that systems and partnerships remain effective and agile in the face of newly emerging challenges | Review out of hours provision and potentially commission new contract   | Spring 2026   | Housing Options Manager   |
| We will ensure that systems and partnerships remain effective and agile in the face of newly emerging challenges | Work with voluntary agencies via our Housing & Support Forum and involve people with lived experience in the forum to help shape future service delivery. | Complete – rep from Inclusion<br>Gloucestershire now attending.<br>Now ongoing for continued<br>development | Housing Strategy & Enabling Officer                                       |

Priority 4: We will seek to prevent rough sleeping; and when it occurs, ensure that it is rare and non-recurring

| Goals and Actions  | Targets and Milestones   | Target Date | Lead/Partnerships                                     |
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| We will work collaboratively across strategic partnerships to ensure the effective commissioning of services | Commissioning, monitoring & review of county-wide rough sleeping services, as follows: | Quarterly   |   |
|  |  | March 2025  | County-wide Programme<br>Management Group (CBC chair) |

| Goals and Actions  | Targets and Milestones   | Target Date           | Lead/Partnerships  |
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|  | Re commissioning of Rough Sleeper<br>Outreach and Support Service<br>(subject to funding)                                      |                       |  |
| We will work collaboratively across strategic partnerships to ensure the effective commissioning of services | Commissioning, monitoring & review of county-wide rough sleeping services, as follows:   | Quarterly             | County-wide Programme<br>Management Group (CBC chair)                    |
|  | Recommissioning of somewhere safe to stay hubs (subj to funding)   | March 2025            |  |
| We will work collaboratively across strategic partnerships to ensure the                                     | Delivery of Enhanced Housing Support Service   | Quarterly             | County-wide Programme Management Group (CBC chair)                       |
| effective commissioning of services  | Recommissioning of service (subject to funding)  | September 2025        | Wanagement Group (CDC Chair)   |
| We will work collaboratively across strategic partnerships to ensure the effective commissioning of services | Increase our Housing led provision within CBC-owned homes by additional 6 homes on top of 6 supported entrenched rough sleeper | Complete              | Housing Strategy & Partnerships<br>Manager<br>Head of Community Services |
|  | Manage and maintain support provision to end of funding  | March 2025            |  |
|  | Consider exit plans/alternative funding arrangements post March 2025   | Autumn/Winter 2024-25 |  |

| Goals and Actions   | Targets and Milestones   | Target Date                       | Lead/Partnerships   |
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| We will work collaboratively across strategic partnerships to ensure the effective commissioning of services        | Agree an exit plan regarding NSAP provision/source alternative funding for its continuation post March 2024                  | complete                          | Strategic Housing Partnership  Housing Strategy & Partnerships  Manager         |
|   | Consider future of NSAP provision post March 2025  | Autumn/Winter 2024-25             |   |
| We will work collaboratively across strategic partnerships to ensure the effective commissioning of services        | Ensure gaps in accommodation based support understood and inform future commissioning decisions                              | March 2025                        | Strategic Housing Oversight Partnership Housing Strategy & Partnerships Manager |
| We will work collaboratively across strategic partnerships to ensure the effective commissioning of services        | Identify new funding opportunities for post March 2025, to facilitate the continued commissioning of rough sleeping services | Winter 2024/25                    | Strategic Housing Partnership<br>Housing Strategy & Partnerships<br>Manager     |
|   | Discussions/lobbying with DLUHC  | Now and ongoing to winter 2024/25 |   |
| We will work collaboratively across strategic partnerships to ensure the effective commissioning of services        | Target of no more than 5 rough sleepers at any time  | Weekly monitoring                 | Housing Strategy & Enabling<br>Strategic Housing Oversight<br>Partnership       |
| We will strengthen pathways and specialist support services to prevent rough sleepers from returning to the streets | Ensuring hospital in-reach support service discharge rough sleepers into accommodation                                       | Quarterly monitoring              | Programme Management Group<br>Housing Strategy & Partnerships<br>Manager        |
| We will strengthen pathways and specialist support services to  | Integration of a new Multiple Disadvantage & Homelessness  | Quarterly monitoring              | Strategic Housing & Partnerships<br>Manager                                     |

| Goals and Actions   | Targets and Milestones  | Target Date           | Lead/Partnerships  |
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| prevent rough sleepers from returning to the streets  | Outreach Team across key service areas, including somewhere safe to stay hubs, temporary & emergency accommodation, etc. from returning to the streets        |                       | Programme Management Group                                       |
| We will strengthen pathways and specialist support services to prevent rough sleepers from returning to the streets | Strengthening pathways with probation services for those leaving prison and at risk of homelessness/rough sleeping  | 2024/25 (and ongoing) | Housing Options Team – (Senior<br>Housing Interventions Officer) |
| We will strengthen pathways and specialist support services to prevent rough sleepers from returning to the streets | Close integration of Housing Options Service with Accommodation Based Support providers to minimise risk of evictions   | 2024/25 (and ongoing) | Housing Options Team   |
| We will strengthen pathways and specialist support services to prevent rough sleepers from returning to the streets | Review of operational partnerships to ensure that households' support needs around mental ill-health and drugs & alcohol misuse are identified and better met | 2024/25 (and ongoing) | Housing Options Team   |
| We will develop our emergency accommodation provision offer   | Examine the potential for additional provision within the district, such as the use of housing pods   | Winter 2024           | Housing Strategy & Enabling                                      |
|   | Business case/options paper   | Summer 2024           |  |
|   | Single pod pilot implemented: - Site identified - Planning application  | Summer 2024           | ССР  |

| Goals and Actions  | Targets and Milestones  | Target Date           | Lead/Partnerships  |
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| We will develop our emergency accommodation provision offer                                      | Review of the Severe Weather<br>Emergency Accommodation<br>Protocol   | Summer 2024           | Housing Strategy & Enabling<br>County-wide homelessness<br>operational partnership |
| We will develop our emergency accommodation provision offer                                      | Review effectiveness of the winter 23/24 SWEP provision pilot   | Summer 2024           | Housing Strategy & Enabling  |
| We will enhance our operational partnerships to ensure that interventions are better coordinated | Develop bespoke action plans for entrenched rough sleepers, keeping progress under review   | 2024/25 (and ongoing) | Housing Strategy & Enabling (and operational partners)                             |
| We will enhance our operational partnerships to ensure that interventions are better coordinated | Develop mechanisms for early identification of individuals known to be at risk of rough sleeping (from family/friends, Accommodation Based Support and Private rented sector) | 2024/25 (and ongoing) | Housing Strategy & Enabling P3 support services Housing Options Service            |
| We will enhance our operational partnerships to ensure that interventions are better coordinated | Work collaboratively across districts to ensure there is a consistent approach to carrying out our annual rough sleeping count for DLUHC                                      | Autumn 2024           | Housing Strategy & Enabling  |
| We will enhance our operational partnerships to ensure that interventions are better coordinated | Promotion of Streetlink to ensure rapid intervention for newly identified rough sleepers  | 2024/25 (and ongoing) | Housing Strategy & Enabling (commissioners and providers)                          |
| We will enhance our operational partnerships to ensure that                                      | Promote alternatives to begging initiatives, in particular, council's motion to promote Billy Chip  | 2024/25 (and ongoing) | Housing Strategy & Enabling  |

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| interventions are better   |   |                    |                             |
| coordinated  | Consultation with retailers   | Summer 2024        | Cheltenham BID              |
|  | New launch  | Autumn 2024        | Housing Strategy & Enabling |
| We will enhance our operational partnerships to ensure that interventions are better coordinated | Exploration of how faith communities and VCS in general can support efforts to prevent and reduce rough sleeping. | 2024/25            | Housing Strategy & Enabling |
|  | Explore good practice elsewhere (via DLUHC)   | Summer 2024        |                             |
|  | Explore options with Inclusive & Creative Communities Group Discussions with YMCA as follow-up                    | Summer/Autumn 2024 |                             |
|  | to Faith in Housing meeting   | Summer/Autumn 2024 |                             |

## Priority 5: We will invest in our communities to help make them safer, stronger and healthier

| <b>Goals and Actions</b>  | Targets and Milestones   | Target Date           | Lead/Partnerships                                  |
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| We will support CBC's aspiration for<br>Cheltenham to be carbon net zero<br>by 2030 | Helping communities become more environmentally aware through activities such as CBH's neighbourhood works programmes to deliver improved waste reduction and recycling (via Community Investment Plans) | 2024/25 (and ongoing) | Head of Community Services<br>(Housing Management) |
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| We will support CBC's aspiration for<br>Cheltenham to be carbon net zero<br>by 2030 | Increasing biodiversity gain via community-led initiatives across CBC's communal spaces  | 2024/25 (and ongoing) | Head of Community Services (Housing Management)   |
| We will support CBC's aspiration for<br>Cheltenham to be carbon net zero<br>by 2030 | Joint commissioning, monitoring and review of Warm & Well Services to support take-up of energy efficiency measures, etc               | 2024/25 (and ongoing) | Private Sector Housing Partnership, Private Sector Housing Team   |
| We will help communities most affected by the cost of living crisis                 | Supporting 'Facing Hardship', a financial inclusion group to ensure strategic oversight of community support & provision               | 2024/25 (and ongoing) | Partnerships and Research Officer   |
| We will help communities most affected by the cost of living crisis                 | Commissioning, monitoring & review of CBC's Advice & Inclusion Service   | 2024/25 (and ongoing) | Housing Strategy & Enabling   |
| We will help communities most affected by the cost of living crisis                 | Delivery of community-led initiatives, such as wiggly worm (food project) and warm spaces project                                      | 2024/25 (and ongoing) | CBC – Partnerships and Research<br>Officer; Community and Support<br>Services Manager (housing<br>management) |
| We will help communities most affected by the cost of living crisis                 | Exploring external funding opportunities to review and grow CBH's training & employment service offer (via Community Investment plans) | 2024/25               | Head of Housing Services  |
| We will help communities most affected by the cost of living crisis                 | Develop stronger partnership arrangements so as to improve awareness of CBH's Benefits & Money advice service                          | 2024/25 (and ongoing) | Head of Housing Services  |

| <b>Goals and Actions</b>   | Targets and Milestones   | Target Date  | Lead/Partnerships   |
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| We will collaborate with partner organisations to tackle issues associated with child poverty, via the No Child Left Behind initiative | Assistance in the delivery of the county council's Holiday Activity & Food (HAF) programme   | 3 programmes: Summer, Winter Spring 2024/25 (and annually) | Head of Communities, Wellbeing & Partnerships; Head of Communities (housing management) |
| We will collaborate with partner organisations to tackle issues associated with child poverty, via the No Child Left Behind initiative | Supporting our annual NCLB award ceremony  | Winter 2025 (and annually)                                 | CBC- Partnership Team Leader  |
| We will collaborate with partner organisations to tackle issues associated with child poverty, via the No Child Left Behind initiative | Delivering our Adverse Childhood<br>Experience Programmes, to include<br>geographical based initiatives (e.g.<br>St Marks) as well as from referrals<br>across the borough   | 2024/25 (and ongoing)                                      | Head of Communities (housing management)  |
| We will collaborate with partner organisations to tackle issues associated with child poverty, via the No Child Left Behind initiative | <ul> <li>New NCLB strategic board now established, and agreeing a workplan up to 2025 under 4 objectives</li> <li>To grow the NCLB partnership to increase the organisations actively supporting the project.</li> <li>To support young people to overcome the challenges they face to become thriving adults.</li> <li>To support the wellbeing of children and families to help mitigate the cost-of-living crisis.</li> <li>To develop an evaluation framework that provides</li> </ul> | 2025   | Head of Communities, Wellbeing & Partnerships  Communities Partnership                  |

| <b>Goals and Actions</b>   | Targets and Milestones   | Target Date           | Lead/Partnerships                             |
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|  | evidence of impact and informs<br>future delivery  |                       |   |
| We will deliver initiatives to help prevent or alleviate mental illhealth  | Support of 'Heads Up' to promote understanding and breaking stigmas                                    | 2024/25               | CBC Partnerships & Research Officer           |
| We will deliver initiatives to help prevent or alleviate mental ill-health | Development of gardening projects for CBC tenants  | 2024/25 (and ongoing) | Tenancy Services Manager                      |
| We will deliver initiatives to help prevent or alleviate mental ill-health | Via a newly refreshed Inclusion hub  | 2024/25 (and ongoing) | Community Investment Manager                  |
| We will deliver initiatives to help prevent or alleviate mental illhealth  | Development of a sports strategy to promote physical activity  | 2024/25               | Head of Communities, Wellbeing & Partnerships |
|  | Vision & Outcomes agreed by Cabinet  | Complete              |   |
|  | Phase 2: built facilities and playing pitch assessments – noted by Cabinet                             | Complete              |   |
|  | Options appraisal commissioned on future provision of Leisure@ Cheltenham and Prince of Wales stadium. | 2024/25               |   |
|  | Playing pitch strategy – approved by<br>Cabinet  | 2024/25               |   |

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| We will seek to tackle and prevent anti-social behaviour in our communities | Promoting the safety of women and girls via the coordination of a new 'women & girls feel safe and respected' working group   | 2024/25               | Partnerships and Research Officer   |
| We will seek to tackle and prevent anti-social behaviour in our communities | Ensuring effective intelligence sharing among partners and support agencies to enable swift action that puts victims first  | 2024/25 (and ongoing) | Solace<br>Head of Public Protection   |
| We will seek to tackle and prevent anti-social behaviour in our communities | Continued, dedicated anti-social behaviour team within CBH and ongoing collaborative working with partners  | 2024/25 (and ongoing) | Head of Communities, Wellbeing & Partnerships Head of Community Services (housing management) |
|   | Project to be developed to review ASB services (as part of our development of our compliance with the Regulator's Consumer Standards, and to improve perception of ASB satisfaction survey) | 2024/25               |   |
| We will seek to tackle and prevent anti-social behaviour in our communities | Targeting youth provision to ensure that support is provided at the right time to prevent issues from escalating:   | 2024/25 (and ongoing) | Head of Community Services (housing management)   |
|   | Engagement with young people  |                       |   |

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| We will seek to tackle and prevent anti-social behaviour in our communities  | Establishing a Youth Voice Forum   | 2024/25                              | Head of Communities, Wellbeing & Partnerships                      |
| We will seek to tackle and prevent anti-social behaviour in our communities  | Explore potential for Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance Accreditation for housing management services  | 2024-26                              | Safeguarding Equality & Inclusions<br>Manager (housing management) |
| We will seek to tackle and prevent anti-social behaviour in our communities  | Reviewing the requirement for Local<br>Lettings Plans on site-specific areas   | 2024/25 (and ongoing)                | Housing Strategy & Enabling  |
| We will seek to tackle and prevent anti-social behaviour in our communities  | Collaboration with our Preferred<br>Registered Providers to embed good<br>practice ahead of developments on<br>the Strategic Allocation Sites. | 2024/25 (and ongoing)                | Housing Strategy & Enabling  |
| We will embed Social Value and ensure that existing communities benefit from the economic opportunities generated by the Golden Valley Development | Employing a CBC stakeholder management lead to build relationships between communities and cyber-tech businesses                               | TBC (subject to delivery timescales) | Head of Development  |
| We will embed Social Value and ensure that existing communities benefit from the economic opportunities generated by the Golden Valley Development | Working with partners, including schools and colleges, to help create opportunities for local communities                                      | TBC (subject to delivery timescales) | Head of Development  |
| We will embed Social Value and ensure that existing communities benefit from the economic opportunities generated by the Golden Valley Development | Ensuring communities have opportunities to influence the shape of Golden Valley plans through effective and accessible engagement              | TBC (subject to delivery timescales) | Head of Development  |

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| We will review viability options for<br>the potential regeneration of<br>homes, where required   | Scoping work to inform proposals for potential investment, including community development/engagement in priority areas | 2024/25 (and beyond) | Housing Strategy & Partnerships Manager  Technical & Investment; Community Services and Development         |
| We will implement a suite of initiatives for our tenants to: - reduce social isolation and improve overall health & wellbeing, - improve access into education, training and employment, - ensure residents feel safe in their community, and - ensure tenants are involved and engaged both in CBH and in the community | A new set of Community Investment Plans will be developed collaboratively between CBC and CBH                           | Complete             | Head of Community Services<br>(housing management)<br>Head of Community Safety,<br>Wellbeing & Partnerships |
| We will implement a suite of initiatives for our tenants to: - reduce social isolation and improve overall health & wellbeing, - improve access into education, training and employment, - ensure residents feel safe in their community, and - ensure tenants are involved and engaged both in CBH and in the community | Implementation of plans:  | Ongoing to 2028      | Community Investment Manager  |

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| We will ensure Cheltenham continues to be a welcoming town of sanctuary for Asylum Seekers and Refugees | Working with the Home Office and Clearsprings over the sourcing of contingency and dispersed accommodation within Cheltenham, ensuring relevant partner agencies are involved, as necessary. | 2024/25 (and ongoing) | Housing Strategy & Enabling, via<br>Strategic Migration Partnership,<br>Oversight Group, and Operational<br>Migration Partnerships. |
| We will ensure Cheltenham continues to be a welcoming town of sanctuary for Asylum Seekers and Refugees | Developing and keeping under review new county-wide partnership arrangements to enable effective collaboration.  | 2024/25               | Housing Strategy & Partnerships<br>Manager  |
| We will ensure Cheltenham continues to be a welcoming town of sanctuary for Asylum Seekers and Refugees | Reviewing grant funding arrangements for GARAS   | 2024/25               | Housing Strategy & Enabling   |
| We will create opportunities for independent and healthy living for our vulnerable residents            | Promoting awareness and uptake of CBC's Lifeline Alarm Service   | 2024/25 (and ongoing) | CBC's Lifeline Alarm Team, Hospital discharge and enablement teams, Housing, Health and Care NHS Gloucestershire County Council.    |
| Prepare the lifeline service for the analogue to digital switch over.                                   | Upgrade existing telecare equipment from analogue to digitally compatible equipment for new and existing customers.  | December 2025.        | CBC Lifeline Alarm team   |
| We will create opportunities for independent and healthy living for our vulnerable residents            | Move current paper based customer data file to a new digital platform.   | 2025/26               | CBC Lifeline Alarm Team   |

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| We will create opportunities for independent and healthy living for our vulnerable residents                                  | Installation of keysafes for vulnerable people who don't have full lifeline service to help with hospital discharge or who are housebound.     | 2024/25 (and ongoing) | CBC Lifeline Alarm Team   |
| We will create opportunities for independent and healthy living for our vulnerable residents                                  | New initiatives identified and agreed via use of the county-wide Better Care Fund, (e.g. insulation of park homes).                            | 2024/25 (and ongoing) | Housing Strategy & Partnerships<br>Manager                                  |
| We will create opportunities for independent and healthy living for our vulnerable residents                                  | Facilitating large scale adaptations to homes, via means-tested Disabled Facilities Grants, working across the county to optimise efficiencies | 2024/25 (and ongoing) | Private Sector Housing Team   |
| We will create opportunities for independent and healthy living for our vulnerable residents                                  | Exploring mechanisms to better ensure that affordable homes already adapted for disabled use are re-let to residents with disabilities.        | 2024-25               | Housing Strategy & Enabling   |
| We will deliver on a range of projects and activities to further support the development of resilient and vibrant communities | Evaluating options around how we can support the Big Local & Saracens Football Club  | 2024/25               | Petersfield Partnership<br>Head of Communities, Wellbeing &<br>Partnerships |