

LEADER and PORTFOLIO HOLDER for HOUSING SERVICES PORTFOLIO PLAN 2017/18

Cllr Caroline Horrill

“As Leader and Portfolio Holder for Housing Services, I’m proud of the Council’s reputation as a landlord and will continue to focus on ensuring council housing is maintained to decent homes standard and that the City Council’s estates are places where people want to live, caring for their homes and environment and so fostering a strong community spirit.

I am determined to ensure that the Council continues to strive to support local residents in housing need. I am a passionate advocate of delivering more affordable housing and will continue to look for innovative solutions that will increase the pace of delivery and the numbers of new homes in the district.

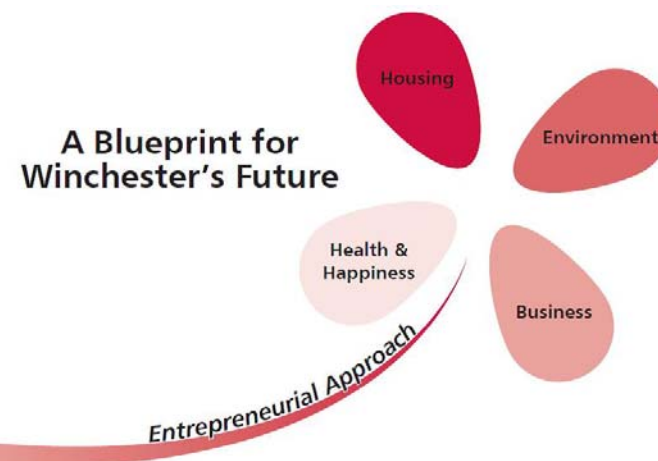
We live in a changing world – people’s needs and expectations, resources available, and the Government’s new housing bill to name but a few of the challenges we face. I am clear, though, that we will work through all of these challenges and provide the best housing for our tenants that we possibly can.’



Priorities for 2017/18:

Delivering quality housing options

- ◆ Make more effective use of the survey of tenants and residents through better use of data and wider engagement
- ◆ Develop an effective “shared ownership” programme
- ◆ Provide access to custom build initiatives
- ◆ Achieve 100% Decent Housing Stock with an average SAP rating greater than 65
- ◆ Secure additional grant funding/ Section 106 resource
- ◆ Provide an additional 300 new homes by 2020 through Council funded development programme



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- ◆ Avoid reliance on Bed & Breakfast accommodation as a housing option
- ◆ Increase provision of supported housing units/ move on accommodation to reduce homelessness
- ◆ Deliver 50 units for private rent through a housing company or specialist vehicle to support development
- ◆ Provide good access to affordable housing options across a range of tenures, including affordable and sub-market rent, market rent, shared ownership, student housing etc.
- ◆ Provide residents with direct access to affordable private rented housing (within Local Housing Allowance rates)
- ◆ Make an Article 4 Direction(s) where evidence shows the proliferation of HMO's is unbalancing housing stock in Winchester or other parts of the district

Improve the health and happiness of our community

- ◆ Invest annually in disabled facilities grants in line with Government funding to help people in their own home

Improve the quality of the District's environment

- ◆ Deliver annually £250k of estate improvements

