

Appendix 6

Terms of Reference for Strategic Housing Group

Strategic Housing Group

Purpose

To support strategic planning through the development of the Housing Need and Demand Assessment and Local Housing Strategy and address issues, challenges and statutory responsibilities for the housing service.

Remit

- Establish a structural framework for partnership working which will benefit the citizens and communities of Falkirk.
- Ensure that all stakeholders are fully engaged in the formulation of strategies and plans which impact on the housing environment, including the LHS, SOA, Strategic Plan in relation to Health and Social Care Integration.
- Agree and implement consultation processes for the preparation and review of key plans, strategies and policies impacting on the housing environment and providers.
- Agree the priorities and processes for the delivery of the housing investment programme in Falkirk.
- Work jointly to influence national policies, decision making processes and resource allocation to the benefit of Falkirk.
- Ensure best use is made of resources across tenures to provide additional affordable housing, address issues of fuel poverty, energy efficiency and regeneration.
- To establish connections with other strategic forums such as the private rented sector forum, the forum overseeing the SOA and the group developing the Strategic Plan to oversee Health and Social Care Integration.
- To work jointly to increase the digital inclusion and employability of tenants within the Falkirk area.

Membership

Membership will include housing, planning and social work representatives from within Falkirk Council, representatives from local registered social landlords, Homes for Scotland, voluntary sector, Scottish Government.

Meetings

The Falkirk Strategic Housing Group will be chaired by a senior manager within Falkirk Council. Meetings will convene once a quarter. Agendas and papers will be distributed at least 3 working days prior to the meeting and a note of the meeting will follow within 14 days of the meeting. The meeting will be considered quorate if at least 50% of the membership are in attendance.