

## **Priority 1: Improve access to housing opportunities and choice**

We will develop and acquire properties which will provide social and affordable rented homes that meet the needs of our residents

New homes will be designed to be sustainable

We will maximise opportunities to work with our partners who will provide a range of quality housing products that meets housing need

Support people to take their first step towards home ownership

We will use our powers to improve the Private Rented Sector including HMOs

Residents will have increased employment and training opportunities

We will seek ways to prevent homelessness

## **Priority 2: Make best use of council homes**

We will continue to invest in our homes to provide good quality accommodation, prioritising energy efficiency measures to meet Net Zero targets and contributing to our Climate Change Policy.

We will regularly review our existing assets in line with our Asset Management Plan

Where possible, we will make adaptations to existing homes to support residents with disabilities to remain in their homes and communities

The council will actively detect and pursue cases of tenancy fraud

We will have a housing allocation policy that is effective in meeting the needs of those people we accept as having a need for affordable rented housing

We will promote a range of schemes that facilitate tenants moving to accommodation more for their current needs (eg downsizing and MEs)

**Priority 3: Support residents to create neighbourhoods they wish to live in and be part of**

We will deliver a range of environmental improvements through our Safe & Sound Programme in full consultation with residents

We will target our services to reflect the needs and profile of our tenants

Through our Tenant and Leaseholder Strategy, we will seek to provide a choice of engagement methods which will result in increased interaction and ensure that all voices are heard.

We will ensure appropriate representation in the governance framework to enable tenants and leaseholders to influence the housing services they receive and have an opportunity to challenge the council on the services provided.