

Have your say on our draft Housing Strategy

Residents in Kensington and Chelsea are being invited to shape a new wide-ranging Housing Strategy that sets out the Council's vision and priorities for housing in the borough over the next three years.

The draft Housing Strategy includes commitments to build 600 new homes, at least 300 of which will be social rent, and signals the Council's intention to use planning policy to require developers to deliver more social housing in the borough.

The strategy also commits to investing £300m to refurbish existing Council homes and to continuing to work closely with tenants and leaseholders to drive improvements in key areas, such as fire safety.

The strategy sets out the Council's plans to prevent and relieve homelessness by providing more targeted advice to residents in housing need, to work with housing associations to secure more homes for local people and to improve standards, and to support older, disabled and vulnerable residents to stay in their homes.

The Council will work closely with tenants, leaseholders and other residents over the next three years to deliver the strategy's six key priorities:

- supporting Grenfell survivors
- improving the safety, quality and security of housing
- increasing the supply of genuinely affordable housing
- putting residents at the heart of housing services
- supporting vulnerable residents
- tackling and preventing homelessness

This is a Council-wide strategy which will ensure that we work across departments (including Housing, Planning, Environmental Health and adults' and children's services) and with key partners to improve outcomes for residents.

Cllr Kim Taylor-Smith, Deputy Leader, Grenfell, Housing and Property, said: "The Grenfell Tower tragedy has put the spotlight on housing within Kensington and Chelsea and its unique housing challenges. With phenomenally high house prices, very high density and a stock in desperate need of modernising, the task at hand is daunting and requires real innovation.

"Our housing strategy is a vitally important document to tackling these challenges and will help shape our borough over the next three years. Crucially, it demands a whole Council approach rather than a 'this department' or 'that department' approach, in collaboration with our residents and our partners, to make the borough a great place to live, work and learn.

"I would encourage as many residents to have their say as their contributions will be invaluable".

The Council will be developing the draft strategy with residents, partners and other stakeholders over the coming months. The final version of the draft Housing Strategy will go to the Council's Leadership Team in the autumn.

Residents and tenants can [read and have their say on the draft Housing Strategy](#) [1].

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