

Local Housing Strategy 2023-28

Governance and Reporting

Introduction

The purpose of this paper is to outline the governance and reporting arrangements for the Local Housing Strategy (LHS) 2023-28. The LHS covers a wide range of topics and priorities, and good governance is critical to ensuring strong partnership arrangements and accountability for delivery of the outcomes.

Background

The LHS 2017-22 was supported by a governance structure which included the Angus Housing Partnership and a number of internal Council groups responsible for ongoing monitoring of the actions relevant to particular topic areas. The governance arrangements included the Affordable Housing Delivery Group which brings partners together to discuss delivery of the Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) and the Housing, Health and Social Care Strategic Planning Group meets regularly to discuss actions associated with the Housing Contribution Statement and Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan.

As services move forward from the Pandemic, much has changed in terms of the operating environment. While streamlined reporting arrangements are critical there is also a need to focus on how communities are involved in key decision, ensuring opportunities to participate in the setting and delivery of strategic aims as well as transparent governance arrangements. This requires some adjustment to the governance arrangements for the new LHS.

LHS 2023-28 Governance Arrangements

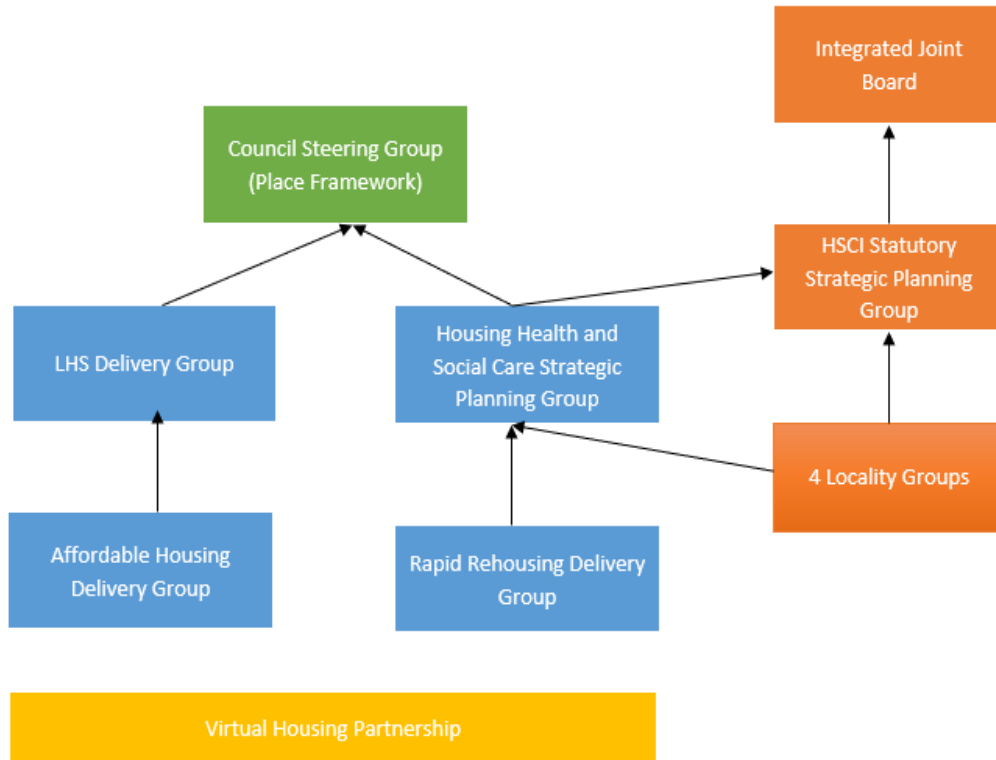
An LHS Delivery Group will be established to oversee progress of the strategy outcomes and priorities. The Delivery Group will include representatives from Angus Council Housing, Planning and Strategic Policy. Other stakeholders will be invited to join the group as appropriate. The Delivery Group will meet six-monthly to review progress against the Delivery Plan and shape ongoing priorities.

The Affordable Housing Delivery Group will continue to provide operational oversight of the Strategic Housing Investment Plan. It is attended by Angus Council Housing and Housing Assets, Housing Association partners and the Scottish Government.

The LHS Delivery Group sits alongside the well established Housing, Health and Social Care Strategic Planning Group which oversee the delivery of activities which sit within the Housing Contribution Statement. The Group includes representatives from Angus Council Housing and Children, Families and Justice as well as the Angus Health and Social Care Partnership. The Group meets quarterly and has joint accountability within the LHS governance arrangements as well as to the HSCI Strategic Planning Group which oversees the Health and Social Care Strategic Plan.

The LHS will sit within the place framework currently being developed by Angus Council. The place framework will ensure that the LHS continues to reflect the key strategic priorities being delivered by the Council. It will also enable delivery of the LHS to be better aligned to the settlement place framework which will set priorities for partnership activity within the individual settlements of Angus.

As part of the governance structure, a Virtual Housing Partnership will be launched to ensure that throughout the lifetime of the LHS, it continues to reflect the priorities of the people living in Angus as well as others providing housing and related services such as private landlords and developers. The Virtual Housing Partnership will be used to share information, gather views and provide a space for debate and discussion on relevant topics.



Reporting

A monitoring and evaluation framework is included within the LHS. This sets out the key indicators which will be used to demonstrate progress towards delivery of the outcomes. The Council's performance management system Pentana, will be used to monitor the key indicators and progress towards any agreed actions. The LHS Delivery Group and Housing, Health and Social Care Strategic Planning Group will review these indicators on a regular basis and will be accountable for ensuring progress as well as discussing any changes needed to ensure that delivery plans reflect priorities.

An annual report will be produced by the Housing Strategy Team, combining activity being led by the LHS Delivery Group and the Housing, Health and Social Care Strategic Planning Group. It will provide updates on key achievements and highlight any areas which require adjustment. The annual report will be shared with the Virtual Housing Partnership.