# **London Borough of Waltham Forest**

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# 1. Summary

1.1 This report provides an update on the implementation of the Housing Strategy delivery plan over year one of the five-year strategy.

#### 2. Recommendations

2.1 Cabinet is recommended to note the content of this report which provides an update on work to deliver the Housing Strategy objectives.

# 3. Background

- 3.1 The Housing Strategy 2024-2029: Good homes as the foundation for a happy and healthy life, alongside the Housing Strategy Delivery Plan, was agreed by Cabinet in January 2024 and Full Council in April 2024.
- 3.2 Almost 100 residents contributed to the development of the strategy through a series of focus groups, where residents shared their experiences of living in Waltham Forest, and their views on ensuring everyone has access to healthy, safe and affordable housing.

- 3.3 The strategy's central vision: "improved and fairer access to high-quality and genuinely affordable homes which provide a foundation for every resident to live a happy and healthy life." is underpinned by four long-term outcomes, each targeting the main challenges that stand in the way of this goal. These are supported by a set of intermediate outcomes, which reflect the council's key delivery priorities throughout the duration of the strategy.
- 3.4 An update on progress was shared with focus group participants at the end of 2024-25. They will be invited to participate in further focus groups in 2026, to help ensure the strategy continues to reflect and address the challenges faced by residents.

#### National and local context

- 3.5 Since the housing strategy was adopted in January 2024, the national policy landscape has shifted significantly, following the election of a new Labour government in July 2024. This change in administration has brought new priorities, and potential funding streams that will impact housing policy and delivery at both national and local levels.
- 3.6 Challenging economic conditions continue to have a significant impact on overall housing delivery, with London significantly behind on its ambitious housing target, largely due to increasing costs, stagnating sales and increased regulation.
- 3.7 In the June 2025 Spending Review, the Government set out its new social and affordable housing investment strategy, with a £39bn Social and Affordable Homes Programme (SAHP), which will run from 2026-2036. The Government's ambition is to deliver around 300,000 social and affordable homes over the programme's lifetime.
- 3.8 The council has already made significant strides when it comes to planning and home building and has a strong track record of delivering affordable homes. The council oversaw the delivery of 9,164 homes between 2011 and 2021 with a Housing Delivery Test result in 2024 of 119%. Between 2011 and 2022, the council delivered the highest proportion of affordable housing of any London borough. Last year, Waltham Forest was the fourth largest council house builder in England, and, by 2030, capital investment will have delivered over 3,100 new homes, of which over 1,900 will be provided on an affordable basis. This is all underpinned by the council's recently adopted, ambitious Local Plan.
- 3.9 The council is proactively responding to the Government's ambition to deliver safer, more energy-efficient, and affordable homes through the delivery of new council housing, as well as the ongoing management and improvement of existing stock. This activity continues to be undertaken within the context of increasing financial pressures on the Housing Revenue Account (HRA).
- 3.10 In February 2025, the council's housing service was inspected for the first time by the Regulator for Social Housing (RSH) on its compliance

- with the social housing consumer standards, and was awarded a C2 grading, the second highest grade.
- 3.11 The inspection result highlighted several key areas where the council is performing strongly, including health and safety compliance, working effectively with partner agencies to tackle and deter anti-social behaviour, and providing opportunities for tenants to influence and scrutinise services. Areas requiring improvement included increasing the proportion of homes that meet the Decent Homes Standard, improving the timeliness and efficiency of the repairs service, completing outstanding remedial actions arising from fire risk assessments, and addressing outstanding electrical safety checks to ensure compliance and resident safety. An improvement plan has been agreed with the RSH, supported by targeted resources, to address these priorities and drive continuous improvement.
- 3.12 The evolving legislative landscape, including the forthcoming Renters Reform Bill, Awaab's Law, and proposed reforms such as a new Decent Homes Standard, Minimum Energy Efficiency Standard, and a new rent convergence model, will have significant implications for both the private and social housing sectors over the next 12 months and beyond. These changes will reshape tenancy management, compliance obligations, and housing quality standards. The council's proactive approach, strong delivery record, and commitment to continuous improvement position it well to respond to these reforms and support residents through the transition. However, without new burdens funding, these changes will put further pressure on the HRA.

## Housing Strategy Delivery plan

- 3.13 The strategy delivery plan sets out key actions that contribute towards the overall delivery of strategic outcomes. Updates are collected on each action every six months to ensure work is progressing and remains focussed on the achievement of the overarching goal. Actions are reviewed and revised as required, ensuring the action plan is responsive to the wider delivery context.
- 3.14 The following section provides an overview of the work undertaken by council teams over the first year of this strategy to support achievement of these long-term outcomes.
- 3.15 Outcome 1: Homelessness and rough sleeping are prevented so that it becomes rare, brief and non-recurrent.
- 3.16 Between 2023-24 and 2024-25, the number of households accepted as homeless and of households living in temporary accommodation in Waltham Forest has increased. Over 2023/24, 540 households were accepted as homeless, averaging 45 per month. This rose to 917 households in 2024/25, with a monthly average of 76 a 70% increase. The number of households in temporary accommodation also increased significantly. In March 2024, 1,148 households were living in temporary accommodation (equivalent to 11.16 per 1,000 population), increasing to 1,581 households by March 2025 (15.4 per 1,000 population). This

- reflects a 38% rise in the rate per 1,000 population. This upward trend is echoed across London, the epicentre of the national housing crisis.
- 3.17 Despite an increase in the Local Housing Allowance (LHA) in April 2024, residents who are homeless or facing homelessness are struggling to secure accommodation due to the shortage of affordable private rented homes, resulting in longer periods spent in temporary accommodation. These issues are expected to worsen over the coming months, as the Renters' Reform bill passes through Parliament. Once passed, the bill is intended to strengthen protections for private renters by abolishing 'nofault' evictions and placing limits on rent increases, improving overall security for tenants. In anticipation of these changes taking effect, a growing number of landlords are issuing eviction notices and selling their properties resulting in more households facing homelessness.
- 3.18 In response to the ongoing housing crisis, in May 2024, the council initiated a Temporary and Settled Accommodation delivery programme focused on increasing the supply of temporary accommodation. In December 2024, a Mission Board was established with workstreams focused on increasing supply of affordable housing, preventing homelessness and employment initiatives.
- 3.19 Over the past year, the Housing Options and Support service has taken direct action to reduce the number of households facing homelessness in Waltham Forest.
- 3.20 In June 2025, the Housing Sustainment team launched their third campaign using the Low-Income Family Tracker (LIFT) software to target support towards residents who need it the most, identifying families in private rented sector (PRS) accommodation who are struggling financially but have not engaged with council services before. From April 2024 to June 2025, the team completed 263 assessments and supported households to successfully sustain their tenancies and to engage with employment services and employment related training.
- 3.21 The team is estimated to have made the council a potential net saving of £732,239 on temporary accommodation spend by successfully preventing 59 households from becoming homeless from February 2024 to March 2025. Over a 5-year period, this amounts to a potential net saving of £2.25m.
- 3.22 The Sustainment team welcomed a new income maximisation officer in November 2024, helping residents to increase their income through additional financial support. In April 2025, nine families were supported to increase their income by a total of £36,760.
- 3.23 The Housing Options self-referral portal went live in June 2025 for use by residents who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Residents are now able to upload documents, view appointments, track their self-referral and stay updated on what they need to do next. This will help simplify the process and empower residents to seek support as early as possible.
- 3.24 In autumn 2024, a major recruitment campaign was launched following investment to create new roles, and to help fill existing vacancies across

the Housing Options and Support service. The campaign included videos from members of the team to promote the council as an employer of choice and Housing Options as a rewarding career. The campaign was very successful, generating over 300 applications in the first round alone. An extensive training and support programme has also been delivered to give new and existing staff the skills and experience they need to develop within their roles.

3.25 The Accommodation Procurement Team has successfully increased the number of homeless households made Private Rented Sector Offers (PRSOs). In January to March 2025, the Council made 60 PRSOs compared to 22 for the same period the previous year.

## Challenges

- 3.26 The development of a PRSO procurement strategy has been delayed as this will be impacted by legislative changes anticipated through the Renters Rights Bill, which is still going through Parliament as of August 2025.
- 3.27 A second Joint Venture (JV2) with Mears, purchasing private rented sector (PRS) homes for homeless households, is currently on hold due to high gilt rates making the model unviable. This will be kept under review over the next year.

### Planned activity

- 3.28 The two-year pilot of the Housing Sustainment team has been extended for a further year using Homelessness Prevention Grant funding. The focus going forward will be on improving collaboration across teams, including working even close with Stronger Communities, to deliver LIFT campaigns that directly engage the most vulnerable families to help them stay in their homes.
- 3.29 More open days will be run to ensure residents understand their housing options, as well as support and drop-ins for residents in temporary accommodation with a focus on alternative housing options. This will be supported by the new Housing Options self-referral portal.
- 3.30 Outcome 2: Residents can access homes that meet their needs as their circumstances change
- 3.31 London-wide and national trends of inflation, stagnant house prices, and rising borrowing costs, resulting in reduced housing delivery, are making it increasingly difficult for residents to access homes that meet their needs. In 2024/25, there were just 3,991 affordable housing starts in London, an increase on 2023/24, however still the second lowest on record and far below the Greater London Authority's (GLA) target, demonstrating the continuing impact of challenging market conditions.
- 3.32 In December 2024, Local Plan Part 2 (Site Allocations) was submitted to the Secretary of State for Examination in Public by the Planning Inspectorate. The proposed site allocations identify an indicative capacity for 21,180 new homes over the Plan Period (2020-2035). This is a significant proportion of the 27,000 new homes target for the Plan Period established in Local Plan Part 1 (adopted February 2024), and

the overall identified potential supply from all sources of approximately 30,600 for the same period. Following public hearing sessions in June and July 2025, the Inspector recommended several modifications, which will be subject to further public consultation before the Plan can be taken to Full Council for adoption. Upon adoption, Local Plan Part 2 will complement Local Plan Part 1 to guide future development and help ensure it meets the needs of the borough and its residents.

- 3.33 A website was developed for Lettings Waltham Forest, the council's inhouse lettings agency, which is used to advertise properties and promote the agency's service to private landlords. Lettings Waltham Forest currently manages 54 private properties providing a suite of property management services. A pipeline of properties comprising 32 tenancies has been taken on under Interim Management Orders (IMOs) via the Licensing team, with improvement works carried out to improve the quality of these homes. This work will help to provide a steady supply of good quality well managed private rented properties for residents.
- 3.34 In November 2024, a £76m GLA grant was confirmed for the Lea Bridge Station development site. The scheme will deliver 387 homes for the borough, 100% of which will be affordable. A total of £197m GLA funding has been secured across the council's five strategic housing sites including Avenue Road, Lea Bridge Station sites, Patchworks, Montague Road and Willow House.
- 3.35 In December 2024, the council's new PRS Strategy was launched to support the provision of good quality, safe and secure homes via the PRS. The strategy aims to ensure landlords and tenants understand their rights and responsibilities and can seek support and guidance from the council and partners as necessary, helping to increase the security of PRS tenancies.
- 3.36 A PRS Implementation Group was established in July 2025 to oversee the PRS Strategy Delivery Plan 2024-30, which includes updating our external website pages to improve our guidance and support for residents in the PRS. Preparation will begin for new legislative duties due to be introduced under the Renters Rights Bill.

# Challenges

- 3.37 Like all social landlords, the delivery of new homes by housing associations has been impacted by the need to prioritise building safety improvements within their existing housing stock. The council is committed to working with housing associations to help address these challenges, including supporting access to grant funding to accelerate the construction of new homes.
- 3.38 The Sheltered and Hostel Accommodation review has been extended to allow for further financial viability assessments to be completed and reviewed. Whilst sites have been identified for redevelopment, a viable delivery strategy is still to be developed considering the council's financial constraints.
- 3.39 Progress on developing the Supported Housing Strategy has been delayed, as it relies on the upcoming secondary legislation linked to the

Supported Housing (Regulatory Oversight) Act 2023. In the meantime, the council is actively responding to consultations and maintaining engagement with partners in preparation for the Act's implementation.

Planned activity

- 3.40 Several opportunities are currently being explored which would see Lettings Waltham Forest pivot to support ongoing work aimed to help households living in temporary accommodation to move on to settled accommodation in the private rented sector. These include property management services for landlords and a range of incentive schemes for residents.
- 3.41 The GLA is producing a new London Plan for adoption in 2027, which plans for 880,000 new homes over ten years which will be apportioned across all London boroughs. All London boroughs are expecting an increased housing requirement. Officers have worked with the GLA on the recent LAND4LDN programme to ascertain the availability of land to deliver London's housing need. The Council's Local Development Scheme proposes a timely review of the Waltham Forest Local Plan to take account of new London Plan targets.
- 3.42 Outcome 3: Every home in the borough is healthy, safe and affordable to live in.
- 3.43 In February 2025, the council was inspected by the Regulator of Social Housing (RSH) which carried out a comprehensive review of the council's compliance with the social housing consumer standards, introduced in April 2024 to improve the quality of social housing, enhance tenant safety, and ensure better communication and service from landlords. In April 2025, the council received a C2 rating, the second highest rating which means that overall, the council is meeting the consumer standards with some areas where improvement is needed. An improvement action plan has been agreed with the RSH, supported by targeted resources, to address these areas and drive continuous improvement.
- 3.44 In November 2024, the Government approved the council's new large-scale Selective Licensing Scheme, which subsequently came into force on 1 May 2025. As part of the administration and enforcement of this five-year scheme, the Private Sector Housing and Licensing service is scheduled to carry out audits of thousands of PRS homes and oversee the improvement of hundreds of sub-standard homes.
- 3.45 A new Knowledge and Information Management (KIM) Strategy was agreed in December 2024 to improve data usage across Housing and the way data is used to inform the delivery of improvements for residents. The strategy includes improving the data held on resident vulnerabilities and is supported by a new Vulnerabilities Policy for Housing, finalised in December 2024 following consultation with residents. The policy will be implemented over the coming months, with a focus on embedding a culture of understanding about the cross-cutting nature of vulnerability. This will include workshops and the development of other support and guidance to frontline staff.

- 3.46 The council has received funding awards of c.£1.7m from the Warm Homes Local Grant fund and £512k from the Warm Homes Social Housing Fund, as part of two consortium bids. The funding will enable the retrofit of over 200 privately owned and social rented homes in the borough resulting in carbon savings and lower bills for households, helping make homes warmer and more affordable. Measures for private households will be installed by the council's own in-house company, Kanopiworks (part of Service Store Ltd).
- 3.47 The first round of interest-free Energy Upgrade Loans was oversubscribed with 30 applications received. 15 applications were successful with 93% retrofits now completed. It is expected that because of these loans, 22 tonnes of carbon will be saved per year, and £455 per year average bill savings for each household.

Challenges

3.48 Gaining access to some council tenants' homes to carry out safety and compliance checks remains a challenge. To address this, a no-access procedure is in place, with the option to seek legal injunctions as a last resort if required.

Planned activity

- 3.49 In response to feedback provided by the RSH, the council's Consumer Standards Action Plan is being updated to focus on areas of weakness, with focus on targeting a C1 rating on the council's next inspection.
- 3.50 A new Complaints team for Housing Management and Housing Assets is being launched to improve residents' experience when submitting complaints, with an emphasis on further improving quality at stage one. It has also been agreed that responsibility for stage two complaints will transfer to the Housing service to improve both response times and quality.
- 3.51 A resident-led Scrutiny Review will be conducted to examine the council's approach to managing anti-social behaviour (ASB) within its housing, while a new resident complaints panel will analyse complaint trends and data.
- 3.52 Community Safety & Resilience is in the process of establishing a new Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Board to provide strategic oversight of how ASB is addressed across the borough. The board will coordinate efforts between key partners including Housing, the Police, residential providers and other relevant agencies to ensure a joined-up approach. Housing will play an active role in supporting this work, helping to promote safety and strengthen consistency in the prevention and management of ASB.
- 3.53 With the aim to improve the council's housing repairs performance and tenant satisfaction, the council will evaluate the results of the contractor-led repairs service improvement plan and will review and finalise a long-term procurement strategy for its contracted repairs service.
- 3.54 Outcome 4: Development enhances neighbourhoods and supports stronger, fairer, and safer communities

## Highlights

- 3.55 A new approach to allocating the Neighbourhood portion of the Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL) received from developers in the borough has been successfully piloted, supporting local priorities through consultation with communities and their ward councillors. A lesson learned analysis will inform how to embed the process as business as usual and prepare for the next round of allocations when sufficient funds allow.
- 3.56 A new Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) has been published following a comprehensive review with council services and infrastructure providers. The IDP is a live document that ensures the infrastructure needed to support inclusive growth is delivered at the right time, in the right places, and in a coordinated manner.
- 3.57 The Housing Compact Leadership Board launched the new Compact 2024 2029 in July 2024, with a second meeting held in October 2024 to discuss shared priorities including new development and community safety. Housing Compact partners visited the council's CCTV Operations centre to see how the facilities are used by the council to tackle crime and ASB, a key focus of the Housing Compact and an area of concern for tenants and leaseholders. There has since been interest from partners who are keen to access the service to help tackle issues including persistent fly-tipping.
- 3.58 Housing association partners have developed a Community Safety Protocol which will help to improve joint working on tackling ASB. This includes greater collaboration when housing associations have exhausted their own powers. The aim is to use partnership working to provide long-term solutions for residents experiencing crime or ASB. The Compact has also developed a joint protocol for managing domestic abuse. It has also supported a pilot with a charity, Furnishing Futures, to provide high-quality homes to survivors of domestic abuse.
- 3.59 By November 2024, the programme of Positive Places schemes was completed. Works began in 2025 on multiple estate improvement schemes that have been granted £380,000 Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding. The use of CIL to deliver neighbourhood enhancement schemes (e.g. pocket parks) in place of HRA investment releases HRA resources to support other priorities. Improvements are identified with residents, through collaboration and feedback, to strengthen community pride and a sense of belonging and show that the service listens.
- 3.60 Building on the council's 2023 Safer Streets pilot, the Housing service has been proactively working with the ASB team and the police, through Problem-Solving Partnership meetings (PSPMs), and community meetings, focusing on persistent ASB cases. Evening engagement sessions at Northwood Tower with residents, the corporate ASB team, Housing and the Police, alongside letter-drops, have reduced ASB reports. The Corporate ASB Team also works with the housing team to

- provide support in managing complex and high-risk housing-related antisocial behaviour cases.
- 3.61 Weekly drop-ins have been taking place at Avenue Road estate, with tenancy and regeneration officers present, giving an opportunity for residents to report ASB, discuss tenancy issues and planned regeneration works.

Planned activity

3.62 Following the successful Wildways project (funded by the GLA to improve habitat quality and access to green space), learning will be used to embed the approach across more council housing estates. Resident engagement activities to co-design improvements will be held.

Conclusion

- 3.63 Good progress has been made throughout the first year of this strategy across all four key strategic outcomes, amid significant financial pressures on the HRA, continuing challenges to increasing affordable housing supply and a new regulatory regime for housing.
- 3.64 A further update report will be brought to Cabinet in summer 2026.
- 4. Options & Alternatives Considered
- 4.1 To stop monitoring the delivery of the Housing Strategy. While every local authority must formulate a Homelessness Strategy, it is not compulsory to have a wider housing strategy. This option is not recommended, as it would encourage a "business as usual" approach to housing, while the widening of the housing crisis requires a renewed commitment to tackle the challenge. Monitoring helps ensure continued focus on strategic outcomes and maintains accountability for these outcomes.
- 5. Council Strategic Priorities (and other National or Local Policies or Strategies)
- 5.1 This Housing Strategy was developed to support the ambitions of the council around tackling inequalities and improving residents' experience and aligns with the Council's Mission Waltham Forest strategy.
- 6. Consultation
- In May 2025, a progress update was shared with residents who participated in focus groups that helped shape the Housing Strategy. These residents will be invited to join a further focus group in 2026 to share their views on how well the council is progressing towards the strategy's objectives. This ongoing engagement will help ensure the strategy remains responsive to residents' needs and continues to address the challenges they face.

- 7. Implications
- 7.1 Finance, Value for Money and Risk
- 7.1.1 This report provides an update on progress during the first year of the five-year Housing Strategy Delivery Plan. There are no direct costs arising from this update.
- 7.1.2 The initiatives outlined in the report have been funded from existing budgets. Actions taken by the Housing Options & Support Service are expected to generate potential savings or cost avoidance of approximately £2.25 million over five years, helping to ease pressure on the Housing General Fund.
- 7.1.3 Any new projects requiring additional funding will be subject to separate reports. These will consider the financial position of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) in the context of current and future priorities.
- 7.1.4 While the Delivery Plan is currently being implemented within existing budgets, it is possible that new projects may emerge over the strategy period. These will be assessed on a case-by-case basis, with consideration given to the HRA's financial position and strategic priorities.
- 7.1.5 Between July and September 2025, the Government consulted on a proposed rent convergence mechanism that could allow social housing rents to increase beyond the current CPI+1% cap. If adopted, this policy would strengthen the financial position of the HRA and support the long-term delivery of the Housing Strategy by enabling more stable investment in the borough's housing stock.
- 7.2 Legal
- 7.2.1 Whilst the Housing Strategy is not a statutory requirement, the Waltham Forest Housing Strategy and Delivery Plan was recommended to and agreed by Full Council on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024.
- 7.2.2 There are no legal implications arising from this report.
- 7.3 Equalities and Diversity
- 7.3.1 An Equalities Impact Assessment was completed when this strategy and delivery plan was adopted in 2024 and determined that, because of the strategy, no negative outcomes will arise for groups with protected characteristics. Certain protected groups are more likely to be homeless, or to live in poor quality or overcrowded housing. The delivery of this strategy, which focuses on reducing and preventing homelessness, improving the condition and quality of homes and access to affordable homes that meet residents' needs, will have a positive impact on those groups.
- 7.3.2 The Council offers secure tenancies to all care leavers. Looked after children entering adulthood and care leavers can specifically struggle to find affordable housing. By improving access to high-quality and genuinely affordable homes, we expect that the Housing Strategy will have a positive impact on looked after children and care leavers.
- 7.4 Sustainability (including climate change, health, crime and disorder)

- 7.4.1 The Delivery Plan prioritises improving energy efficiency, reducing emissions, and improving housing quality to address the climate emergency's impact on vulnerable residents.
- 7.4.2 It makes some progress towards net-zero carbon by 2030 targeted by Waltham Forest's Climate Action Plan. However, more momentum is needed to reach net-zero as housing contributes to around 75% of Council emissions. Increased funding and cross-departmental support will enable accelerated emissions reductions in this essential area. This could be allocated to additional energy saving measures during routine works, installing more energy efficiency measures and decarbonisation improvements unlocked through increased funding. The Warm Homes Local and Social Housing programmes have the potential to expand. In the case of the Social Housing Fund, expansion of this will contribute to reducing Council emissions if additional match funding can be secured.
- 7.4.3 Climate change exacerbates issues such as fuel poverty, poor housing conditions, and health challenges in Waltham Forest. Fuel poor homes with inadequate insulation, outdated heating systems, and ventilation problems create cold, damp environments that harm physical and mental health. Rising energy costs further increase financial pressures, especially for vulnerable households. The Delivery Plan includes actions to help improve energy efficiency and sustainability, as well as to provide income maximisation support for households struggling to pay their rent and bills.
- 7.4.4 Public Health colleagues contributed to the development of the Housing Strategy, adopting a Theory of Change approach which aligned with the Marmot Report. The outcomes framework remains central to the Housing Strategy Delivery Plan, recognising housing's vital role in health and wellbeing.
- 7.4.5 Work to improve the quality, energy efficiency and availability of housing in the borough will directly support efforts to reduce health inequalities in the borough. There also may be opportunities for further collaboration with NHS partners to help deliver the strategy's objectives, for example through the emerging NHS Integrated Neighbourhood working model.
- The Housing Strategy plays a key role in addressing crime and disorder by strengthening the Council's approach to community safety, directly supporting the delivery of the strategic priorities set out by the borough's Community Safety Partnership. It supports targeted action to tackle antisocial behaviour on estates and promotes physical improvements to the built environment that help create safer, more welcoming neighbourhoods. These measures aim to foster a greater sense of security and wellbeing for residents, while building the long-term resilience of local communities, and contributing to the Council's mission to ensure everyone can feel safe in their homes and neighbourhoods.
- 7.5 Council Infrastructure
- 7.5.1 None as a direct implication of this report.

Background Information (as defined by Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985)

None.