

**York, North Yorkshire & East Riding Housing  
Strategy 2015-18**

*Housing Board  
Year 1 Action  
Plan 2015/16*

**PRIORITY 1 Work with partners to increase the supply of good quality new housing across all tenures and locations (in line with Local Plans/site allocations)**

PROPOSAL	Housing Board Actions 2015-16
Double our house building rate and triple affordable housing delivery (compared to 2012-14 rates)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Set and agree annual targets for market and affordable completions (urban rural &amp; coastal)</i></li> <li>2. <i>Work closely with and provide biannual reports to the Y, NY &amp; ER LEP Board on progress against housing aims in the Growth Deal (house building rate, local plans strategic sites, rural and older people)</i></li> <li>3. <i>Develop and promote of opportunities to enable new housing via the Local Growth Fund (freedoms and flexibilities)</i></li> </ol>
Help to get Local Plans in place (in line with Y, NY & ER Growth Deal requirement)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. <i>Provide peer to peer support and performance via the Board in relation to the adoption of Local Plans in each Local Authority area via a Local Plans agenda item at each Board meeting</i></li> </ol>
Work with LEPs to ensure that new housing development provides jobs, skills and apprenticeships for local people	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. <i>Work with the LEPs in our area to increase jobs, training and skills in the construction industry and related sectors.</i></li> </ol>
Increase the number and diversity of house builders and RPs to deliver new homes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. <i>Maintain and strengthen relationships with delivery partners by inclusion of HBF and NHF reps on the Housing Board</i></li> </ol>
Maximise delivery of Affordable Housing via planning gain and other means	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. <i>Establish a Y, NY &amp; ER LEP wide Registered Provider forum and identify and engage with RPs not active in the area to promote potential opportunities</i></li> </ol>
Increase diversity and choice in size, type and tenure to meet the needs of our communities (within the confines of welfare reform)	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Delegated to the North Yorkshire Home Choice Board, and Harrogate BC Housing Allocation Scheme/ERYC Housing Waiting List</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8. <i>Undertake a review of the North Yorkshire Tenancy Strategy 2012</i></li> </ol>

Maintain an up to date understanding of our housing markets and housing need	<i>Delegated to Local Authorities</i>
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**PRIORITY 2 Ensure that our housing stock reflects the needs of communities across urban, rural and coastal areas**

<b>PROPOSALS</b>	<b>ACTIONS 2015-21</b>
Continue to Support the Rural Housing Enabler Network and RHE Team	9. <i>Support the funding of the RHE Network to deliver 100 new affordable homes per year across Y, NY &amp; ER as per the Growth Deal. Delegate responsibility for delivery to the RHE Network</i>
Address falling populations in the National Parks and use housing opportunities to sustain communities	<i>Delegated to relevant Local Authorities/National Parks and the Rural Housing Enabler Network</i>
Respond to any changes to the affordable housing requirements on 'small sites' and the impact of the Vacant Building Credit	10. <i>Continue to lobby re the outcome of the policy review.</i>
Address the needs of coastal housing markets including tackling deprivation and poor quality private housing	<i>Delegated to relevant Local Authorities</i>
Address urban housing needs and affordability across all tenures	<i>Delegated to Local Authorities</i>

**Priority 3 Ensure that our housing stock meets the diverse needs of our communities at all stages of their lives**

<b>PROPOSAL</b>	<b>ACTIONS 15-16</b>
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Increase the number & range of homes suitable for our aging population across all tenures	11. <i>Link to NYCC Community Strategy and local Health and Well Being Boards</i>
Increase the number & range of homes suitable for young and working age households, particularly newly forming households and first time buyers to enable mixed and sustainable communities.	<i>Delegated to Local Authorities</i>

**PRIORITY 4 Via policy guidance and negotiation, ensure new homes are of high design and environmental quality**

<b>PROPOSAL</b>	<b>ACTIONS 15-16</b>
Work closely with house builders, land owners and Register Providers to communicate our aspirations and needs around quality and design	<i>Delegated to Local Authorities</i>
Explore opportunities to use innovative methods of construction to deliver new, high quality homes	<i>Delegated to Local Authorities</i>
Ensure Affordable Housing, particularly via Planning Gain, is flexible and of a quality/size suitable for a range of households and max. occupancy if needed	<i>Delegated to Local Authorities</i>

<b>PRIORITY 5 Continue to make best use of existing stock and ensure it is of a decent quality to meet the needs of our communities</b>	
<b>PROPOSAL</b>	<b>ACTIONS 15-16</b>
Develop and maintain and understanding of the condition of existing stock	<i>Delegated to Local Authorities and the Private Sector Group</i>
Identify and use opportunities to re develop existing residential or commercial property for new housing	<i>Delegated to Local Authorities and the Private Sector Group</i>

<b>Priority 6 Ensure all homes have a positive impact on health and well being and are affordable to run</b>	
<b>PROPOSALS</b>	<b>ACTIONS 15-16</b>
Continue to deliver investment in Energy Efficiency	<i>Delegated to LAs and the Private Sector Group</i>
Reduce the impact that poor housing has on health and wellbeing	<p>12. <i>Maximise the opportunities that the Better Care fund brings and include a Health and Well Being Board representative on the Housing Board</i></p> <p>13. <i>Continue to operate the Disabled Facilities Grants System (delivery delegated to Local Authorities)</i></p>

<b>PRIORITY 7 Continue to reduce Homelessness</b>	
<b>PROPOSALS</b>	<b>ACTIONS 15-16</b>
Continue and Improve partnership working to reduce homelessness	<i>Delegated to Local Authorities and the Homelessness Group. The Board will encourage Local Authorities to work towards Gold Standard Status for Homelessness services.</i>
Improve access to services	

Improve support for young people	
Increase suitable housing options	
Reduce the use and increase the quality of temporary accommodation	

<b>PRIORITY 8 Ensure Housing is Allocated Fairly and on the Basis of Need</b>	
<b>PROPOSALS</b>	<b>ACTIONS 15-16</b>
Support the sub regional Choice Based Lettings approach and local solutions where appropriate	<i>Delegated to the NY Home Choice Board, Harrogate BC and ERYC as appropriate</i>

<b>PRIORITY 9 Provide appropriate Housing and Support for those with Specific Needs</b>	
<b>PROPOSALS</b>	<b>ACTIONS 15-16</b>
Identify new and improved opportunities to provide housing and supported living for households with specific needs	<i>Delegated to Local Authorities and the Supporting People Commissioning Group</i>
Ensure Safeguarding Policies are in place and fit for purpose	