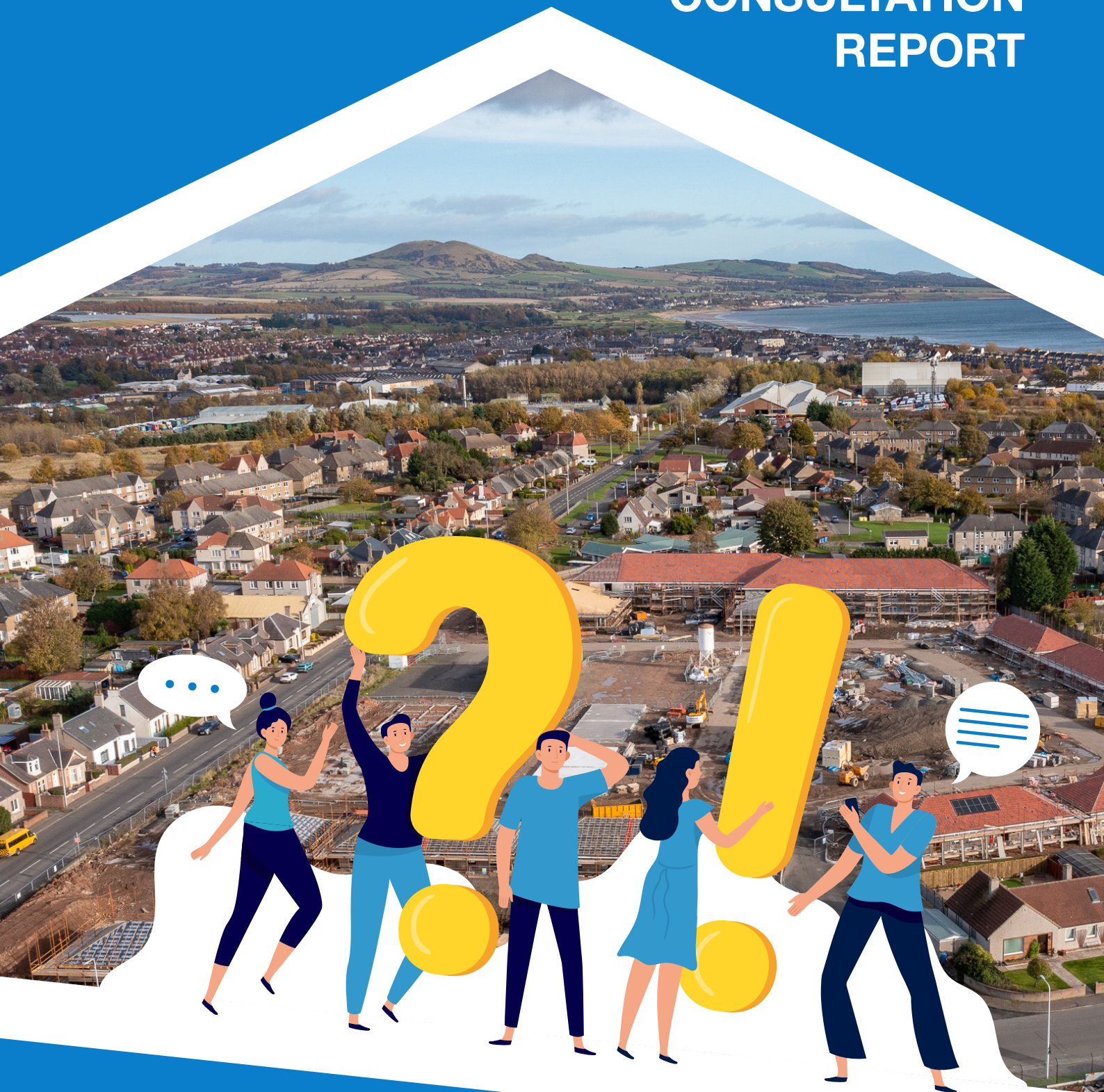




LOCAL HOUSING STRATEGY 2022 - 2027 CONSULTATION REPORT



1.0 Introduction

As a requirement of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001, consultation must be carried out by local authorities on their proposed Local Housing Strategy. This report summarises the consultations carried out on the draft Local Housing Strategy 2022-2027.

2.0 Local Housing Strategy

Five priorities forming the basis of the LHS Outcome Plan 2022-2027 have been established through housing needs assessment and stakeholder consultation. These priorities will promote equality in housing, help eradicate poverty, provide physical housing improvements, and continue the recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic. Several consultations have helped shaped these priorities.

LHS Priorities 2022-2027

1.	Ending Homelessness
2.	More Homes in the Right Places
3.	A Suitable Home
4.	A Quality Home
5.	A Warm Low Carbon Home

3.0 Consultation Methods and Stakeholders

A variety of consultation methods are highlighted below which were employed to engage with the residents of Fife and key stakeholders. Due to the timing of the LHS 2022-2027, consultation methods were limited due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Methods of Consultation

- Surveys (leaflets, telephone, door to door, online)
- Events
- Meetings
- Letters
- Online webinars
- Face-to-face events
- Workshops
- Area walkabouts
- Campaigns
- Conferences
- Newsletter articles

A range of stakeholders have been consulted throughout the development of the LHS 2022-2027. Representatives of harder to reach groups have been encouraged to participate throughout the

process as well those with protected characteristics. The stakeholders involved are outlined in the table below:

Stakeholders involved in the LHS development			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Scottish Government • Fife RSLs & specialist housing providers • Tenants & Residents • Tenants & Residents Associations & Federations • Private developers • Homes for Scotland • Private owners and landlords • Planning and Building Standards • Fife Housing Association Alliance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fife Health & Social Care Partnership • Physical & Learning Disabilities Teams • Older People Team including Delayed Discharge Team • Occupational Therapists • Carers Groups/Centres • Disabilities Fife • Fife Centre for Equalities • Care & Repair 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People First (Scotland) • NHS Fife • Disabled Persons Housing Service Fife • Housing Options Scotland • Fife Woman’s Aid • Housing Support providers / voluntary organisations • Gypsy/Traveller Tenant and Resident Groups • The Showmen’s Guild • Armed Forces Covenant Group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SDS Options Fife • Inclusion Scotland • Cosy Kingdom • Changeworks • Home Energy Scotland • Department for Work and Pensions • Rural Property & Business Association • Scottish Association of Landlords • Fife People’s Panel • Citizens Advice and Rights Fife • Homeless charities

4.0 Housing to 2040

Housing to 2040 is Scotland’s first long-term housing strategy and some ambitions will be delivered through the LHS and the Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan. It sets out vision, principles and actions for housing and communities along with a route map. A Housing to 2040 workshop was held in May 2021 with the Fife Housing Partnership which provided members with an opportunity to have direct influence on shaping the LHS. The comments received have been utilised to inform the LHS priorities for 2022-2027. Examples are highlighted below:

COMMENTS

‘Should homelessness and housing access be merged into one priority moving forward?’

‘Housing to 2040 will assist with the development of the LHS, however, should not dictate contents. LHS needs to remain local, so we should select the parts of Housing to 2040 to include.’

‘Want to review LHS priority 7 – placemaking and communities – to reflect the points made in this section (i.e. people/place/20 min neighbourhoods).’

‘Moving forward, properties should be built to suit needs as required.’

‘Five themes are proposed for the LHS 2022-2027 which will link some of the current LHS themes together.’

5.0 Plan for Fife Recovery and Renewal Workshop

The Plan for Fife Recovery and Renewal 2021-24 is a three-year review of the Plan for Fife, setting out priorities for Fife’s recovery following the Covid-19 pandemic. A workshop held in 2020 with the Fife Housing Partnership provided a view of the proposals, offering partners an opportunity to influence housing related outcomes underlining the importance of good quality housing in Fife. The key recovery and renewal priorities identified are included in the figure below along with the four key themes forming the Plan for Fife. These priorities are reflected within the LHS outcome plan.

Figure 1: Our Journey Towards a Fairer Fife



6.0 HNDA3 Consultations

A variety of consultation methods were used to engage with stakeholders during the development of both the Tayside and South East Scotland (SES) HNDAs.

- Regular updates and feedback forms posted on the webpage and circulated via email to allow stakeholders to participate in the HNDA development
- Telephone & online surveys
- Stakeholder engagement events

Regular Updates

Both HNDAs were supported by consultation throughout the key project stages with feedback provided and published on the webpages showing how responses were being managed. The South East Scotland HNDA3 received 128 comments through consultation on the key sections of the report. Examples of comments which have influenced LHS priorities are included below.

COMMENTS

‘The study does not mention Climate Change which is going to be a really significant issue long before the 2043 timescale of some of the studies.’

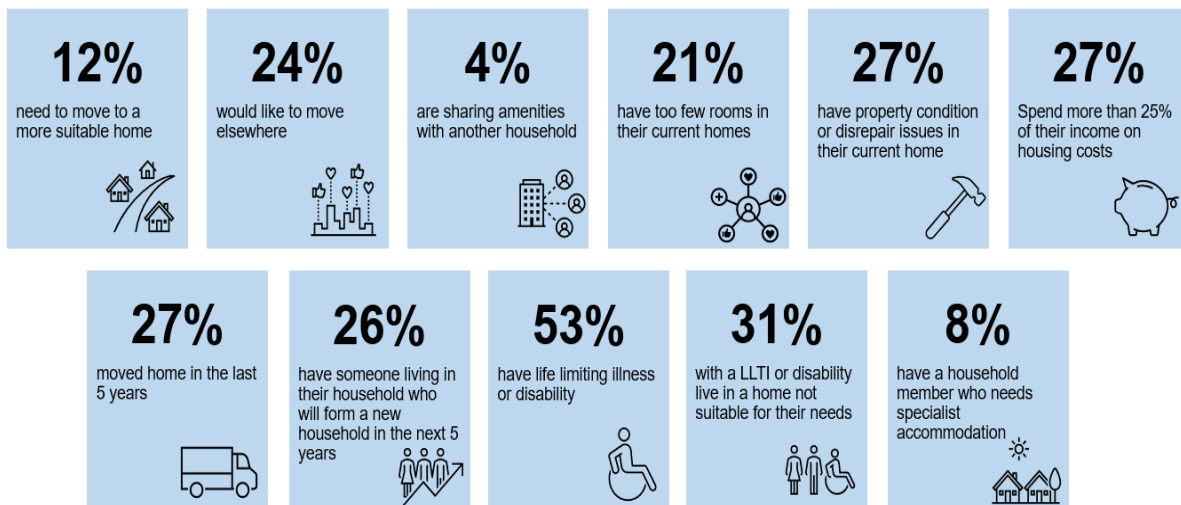
‘Houses tend to be built on available fields – very often the reduced amount of good quality farmland we need for food production. There should be an embargo on this with towns being required to contain themselves within their existing footprints.’

‘We believe that consistent and strong housing delivery across all tenures is central to not just sustainable inclusive economic growth, but societal wellbeing equally. The provision of affordable, secure, energy efficient housing is a core asset that must be delivered to achieve policy outcomes associated with, but not limited to, increased sustainability, education and health outcomes, net zero carbon and more. Ultimately housing is the fundamental infrastructure asset that enables the rest of the economy to grow.’

Telephone/Online Survey

Two survey questionnaires were designed and delivered via telephone or accessed online with questions covering various themes including suitability of current home, property condition, individual needs and future household formation. The results have helped shape future housing delivery plans.

- In total over 1,300 surveys were completed by residents of Fife.
- Headline findings from both surveys can be summarised as follows:



Virtual Stakeholder Engagement Events

Stakeholders were invited to participate in Virtual Stakeholder Engagement Events for both South East Scotland and Tayside HNDAs. HNDA calculations were presented for discussion as well as evidence on specialist housing requirements providing stakeholders the opportunity to review and scrutinise the evidence and assumptions. Discussions considered what this meant for the future delivery of housing.

- 54 partners and stakeholders attended the North Fife HNDA workshop
- 92 partners and stakeholders attended the South East Scotland workshops

The following comments were received which have been built into the LHS:

WORKSHOP COMMENTS

'If we're ever going to realise the Scottish Government's vision for 20-minute communities, we need to focus supply planning in the areas where most want to live and work'

'Will home working affect people decisions on where to live'

'I don't know the mechanism of how we do it, but we need to ensure there is a range of accessible options on all site delivered by Council, RSL and private developers'

'There is anecdotal evidence across North East Fife that there is a number of complaints on the lack of adapted properties particularly properties for children with disabilities – Fife Council are working with HSCP to get a better picture of the extent of this need'


'We can't build out the problem of increasing specialist needs so need to look to tech and adaptations in existing stock to help people live well and independently'

7.0 LHS Outcomes

There are ten outcomes that link to the five LHS priorities. The following consultations have helped shape the outcomes in each priority.

7.1 LHS Priority 1 – Ending Homelessness

The consultations informing this LHS priority are as follows:

Ending Homelessness	Consultations
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Homeless person satisfaction survey• Strategic review of housing support requirements in Fife• Housing First showcase event

Homeless Persons Satisfaction Survey

This was carried out by Knowledge Partnership on behalf of Fife Council using an interviewer led telephone questionnaire. The survey was conducted during April 2021 with a total of 167 homeless clients participating. The survey findings revealed:

- Higher satisfaction rates with the standard of temporary accommodation meeting client's needs
- Lower satisfaction rates during Covid lockdowns with clients feeling unsupported and receiving fewer housing services.
- A 70.7% satisfaction rate with the homeless service overall.
- 82% of temp accommodation meets clients' needs (supporting the figures found from the Strategic review of housing support).

Findings from this survey have helped develop Outcomes 1.1 - People are prevented from becoming homeless & 1.2 - People are enabled to sustain their current accommodation.

Fife Short-term Housing Support & Homeless Service Public Social Partnership

During 2020-2021 housing consultants Arneil Johnston completed an evaluation of Fife Short-term Housing Support & Homeless Service Public Social Partnership. Evidence from detailed support needs analysis and discussions with stakeholders highlighted:

- 83% of households were found to have no or low-level support needs with a further 17% requiring support services.
- 3% will require refuge accommodation.
- Each PSP partner was asked to detail the range of clients which their organisation supports, this analysis illustrated that there is support provided across the partnership for most client groups, except for those with learning disabilities.

This evaluation has helped initiate the re-provisioning of emergency accommodation to rapid access accommodation and will support other outcomes within the Ending Homelessness priority.

Scaling up Housing First

Fife Council has incorporated Housing First into the Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan to transform housing and support options for those that are homeless or living in vulnerable situations. A virtual event was held in March 2022 to focus on improving housing access and homelessness services.

- Over 170 people came together for the Housing First virtual event.
- Of those that completed the feedback forms 82% of people felt that Housing First was a service their clients would benefit from.

The following comments were received throughout the event:

COMMENTS

'The customers I deal with are all in temporary accommodation, a lot of whom come in and out of the system on a regular basis. Some of them would definitely benefit from this approach.'


'All parts were interesting. Good to see new approaches being implemented away from the institutions and inherited pathways'

'Those within Temp Accommodation often have complex needs. Some identified as revolving door. That said, it would be helpful to know the criteria for HF in Fife I.e. It would be beneficial to understand why some with complex needs, homeless and requiring longer term support would not be good candidates e.g. the 20% which HF isn't a good fit for. '

The event highlighted there is a requirement to develop the Housing First approach across Fife. This is embedded in actions within the LHS Outcome 1.3 - People are provided with suitable and sustainable housing options.

7.2 LHS Priority 2 – More Homes in the Right Places

The consultations informing this LHS priority are as follows:

More Homes in the Right Places	Consultations
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wheelchair housing study – service user and stakeholder engagement • Area regeneration consultation • Area walkabouts • Area housing plan surveys

Wheelchair and Accessible Housing Study

A study was carried out by independent consultants to review the wheelchair and accessible housing targets in Fife. Various consultation methods were utilised to inform the research and support the methodology and study findings. This included the following:

- Stakeholder and Partner Engagement - A multiagency digital launch event to engage partners/stakeholders, agree common definitions, develop the stakeholder map and launch the data capture process. Discussions were held around the accessible housing pressures and strategic interventions.
- Resident Survey – 500 interview led telephone surveys were carried out. This was augmented by an online survey where over 2,000 residents of Fife provided their views.
- Wheelchair user engagement – Qualitative workshops examined the current housing suitability, evolving and emerging needs, barriers to access and new supply/in situ solutions.

The findings from this study informed future new build housing targets for wheelchair and specific needs housing under LHS Outcome 2.1 - People are provided with housing appropriate to their need and demand. The study also links closely to the LHS priority 'A Suitable Home' and recommendations will be used to improve access to wheelchair and specific needs housing to enhance independent living.

Area Walkabouts

Area walkabouts led by tenants and residents and supported by Area Housing Teams and other Council Services have taken place to identify and highlight local issues and develop action plans which demonstrate links to the LHS. These have recently been carried out in Kelty, Cowdenbeath, St Monans, Ballingry, the Dallas Drive and the Links areas of Kirkcaldy. Action plan outcomes promote good quality places to live with example resolutions provided below:

Issues	Resolutions
Poor garden conditions which include rubbish and scrap vehicles	Carry out full inspection with safer communities' team and discuss issues with responsible tenants / residents
Railings on school route corroded	Repairs carried out to make safe for residents
Steps requiring repairs	Repair to ensure area steps are safe and user friendly
Reinstate or replace broken fence at entrance of garage site	Work carried out to fit new and secure metal fencing

Area Housing Plan Surveys


Tenants and residents were asked to complete a Housing Survey for their area. Their opinions and comments supported the area housing team with the development of their Area Housing Plan as well as identifying focus areas for the LHS. Two area surveys have concluded prior to the LHS development. The main issues are shown below:

North East Fife Consultation 129 Responses	South West Consultation 38 responses																				
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The Area Housing Plan surveys have helped shape Outcome 2.1 - People are provided with housing appropriate to their need and demand, and also links to LHS Priority 4 - A Quality Home.

7.3 LHS Priority 3 – A Suitable Home

The consultations informing this LHS priority are as follows:

A Suitable Home	Consultations
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Handy person service survey• Gypsy Traveller satisfaction survey• Gypsy Traveller site improvement engagement sessions• Wheelchair housing study – service user and stakeholder engagement

Handy Person Service Survey

A survey was undertaken to establish if people would use such a service and to gain knowledge about the people who would. 232 people provided their views on a Handy Person Service and some of the key issues and requirements identified from these consultations were:

- 89% of people said they would use a handy person service.
- Over 80% of people believed £10-15 an hour is reasonable to pay for this service.
- The jobs requiring the most assistance are identified as painting & decorating, small electrical/plumbing repairs and building furniture.

The following comments were received relating to the service:

COMMENTS

‘A handyman who has skills in wood/laminate flooring would be helpful’

‘Putting up curtain poles and shelves etc’

‘This is really needed for the disabled and elderly’

The findings from this survey have helped review the support services available in Fife to help people sustain their choice of living arrangements. This links closely to the outcomes identified under ‘A Suitable Home’ through promotion of independent living.

Gypsy/Travellers Survey & Site Engagement

Gypsy Traveller Tenants and Residents Associations have been formed on all three public sites in Fife and regular engagement takes place to obtain a better understanding of tenants needs and plan future site provision. A face-to-face gypsy traveller satisfaction survey was carried out on site in April 2022. Satisfaction levels have improved from previous years but there is still room for improvements. Survey findings conclude:

- An increase in satisfaction levels with the management of the sites to 55% from 17% the previous year
- 65% of people satisfied with the opportunities to participate in Fife Council’s decision making process which is a 40% increase from the previous year

- 93% of people were satisfied with the speed of completion of repair work
- 55% of people said rubbish or litter was a major problem on the sites with other major problems (dog fouling, parking, noisy neighbours) sitting at 10% or lower.

The Tenants and Residents Association engagement sessions and survey findings have helped develop a 3-year capital plan for site improvements with chalet installation and the provision of caravans included as part of the plan. This contributes to LHS outcome 3.1 - People are offered appropriate housing options and support services to sustain their choice of living arrangements.

COMMENTS

'New manager is helping but it has been quite rundown before this'

'Cleanliness, litter, and bins are areas for improvement'

'Looking forward to the meetings starting again. They need to be focused on important issues'


'Poor condition of chalets. Takes too long to address repairs. Manager is good with repairs but the follow up is poor'

Wheelchair and Accessible Housing Study

The feedback from the Wheelchair Housing Study consultations have helped underpin the outcomes under the LHS priority 'A Suitable Home' and will help improve service delivery to enhance independent living for Fife residents. Further details of the consultations held as part of this study can be found under section 7.2.

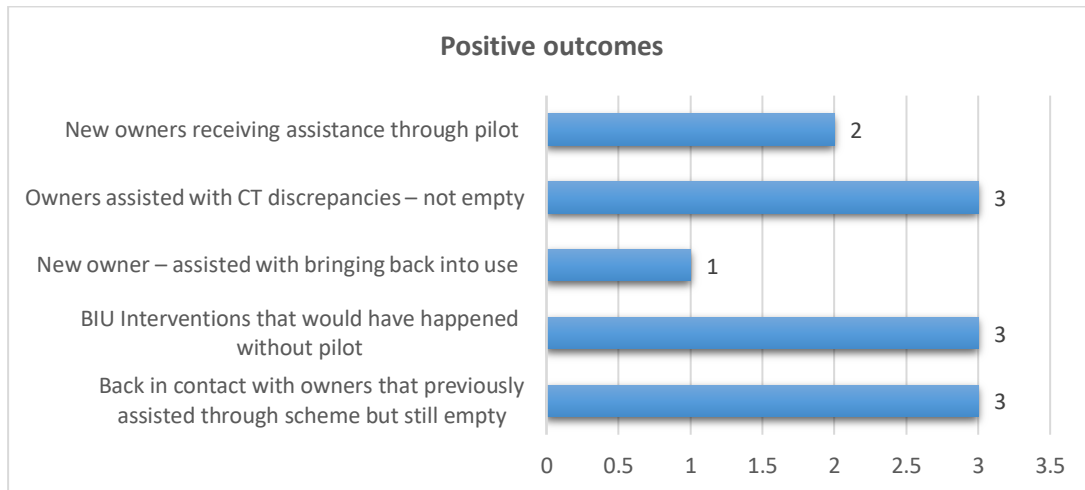
7.4 LHS Priority 4 – A Quality Home

The consultations informing this LHS priority are as follows:

A Quality Home	Consultations
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Empty homes survey • Factored owner satisfaction survey • Short-term lets workshop • Short-term lets survey • Private landlord newsletter / forums

Empty Homes Survey

A pilot survey was sent to empty homeowners in the Leslie area to find out why the property was empty, what the owner wanted/planned to do with the property, what the realistic options were for bringing it back to use and if Fife Council could help. The exercise facilitated contact with owners and as of October 2021, 11 out of the 24 empty properties have been brought back into use. Some positive outcomes are shown below:



The survey has helped shape the strategy under LHS Outcome in 4.1 - People live in good quality housing.

Factored Owner Satisfaction Survey

A factoring satisfaction survey was issued to owners and 93 people participated to share their views. 60% of respondents were satisfied with the factoring service they receive. Embedded in LHS outcome 4.1, Fife Council is dedicated to rolling out a factoring scheme to all properties sharing common elements with Fife Council to achieve improvements moving forward.

Short Term Lets workshop

Around 30 elected members attended the short term lets workshop in June 2022 to gain a background to the legislation, briefing on the outcomes of a recent short term let survey and to enable the consideration and discussion of the discretionary elements of the scheme.

All elected members were supportive of introducing a licensing regime however acknowledged that the Council's approach requires to be balanced and proportionate.

COMMENTS ON THE SCHEME

'Balance is important, people should be able to grow short-term lets locally but there also needs to be a contribution back to the communities'

'Rent a room or home lets are being used by many young professionals when moving to an area, we don't want to restrict this market'

'I agree with having some sort of scheme, but it shouldn't be too arduous for hosts'

COMMENTS ON CONDITIONS AND EXEMPTIONS

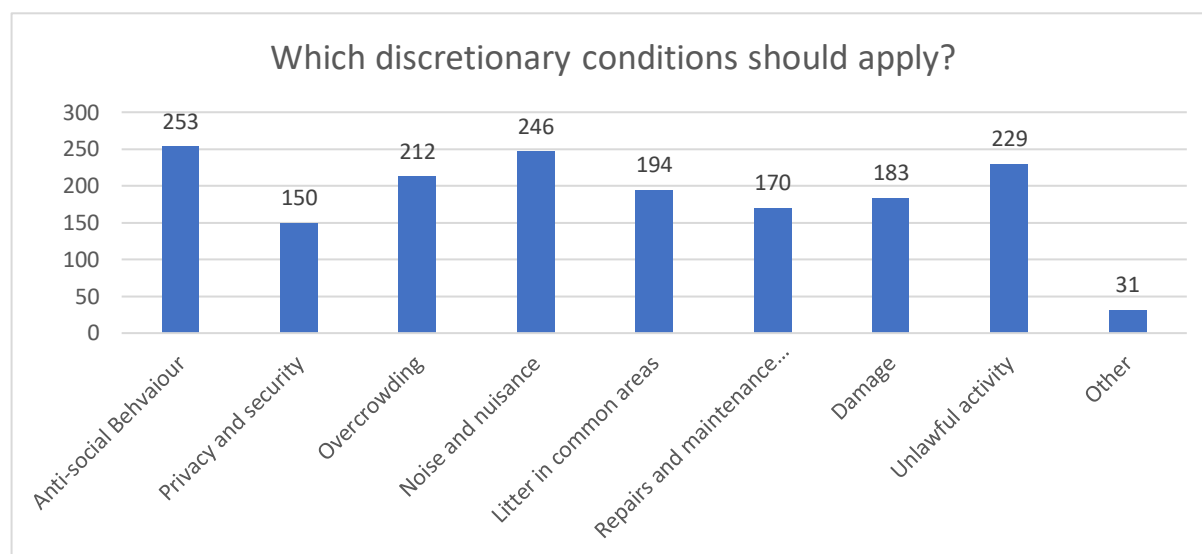
'Initially, we should inspect 100% of short term lets, then apply some proportionality – what's the point otherwise?'

'Inspections are important where there have been consistent problems e.g. fly tipping or noise complaints. We shouldn't need to inspect every property'

‘Temporary exemptions will provide flexibility when events are taking place and give people the opportunity to move around Fife itself too’

Short Term Lets survey

An online survey was conducted during 2022 to help develop the Short-term Let Licencing Scheme in Fife. Almost 400 responses were received from the survey, mainly from individuals and Short-term Let hosts. Survey findings included;



- The majority of people voted for Short Term Licences to be granted for 3 years.
- 70% of people believed discretionary conditions should apply.
- 42% voted to introduce temporary exemption.
- The majority voted for additional conditions to be introduced with a temporary exemption.
- Feedback included some positives and negatives for Short-Term Letting.

Information from the Short Term Lets workshop and survey has supported the strategy for Outcome 4.2 - People live in well managed rented housing.

Landlord newsletters/forum


Landlord newsletters are issued quarterly and provide useful information to ensure landlords are kept up to date with changing regulations. Alongside this, landlord forums are held on a quarterly basis, allowing issues to be raised and discussed. The last forum took place during April 2022 and an overview of the current issues/requirements are set out below:

Recent Discussion Points	The increased cost of living and how it was affecting the sector
	Issues with Universal Credit system and payments direct to landlords means landlords are not always getting the correct money
	Legislation Updates
	Grants and Loans available to tenants not necessarily working as the people who needed them the most were being refused
	Empty Homes issues

These discussion points have helped inform LHS outcomes 4.1 - people live in good quality housing and outcome 4.2 – people live in well-managed rented housing.

7.5 LHS Priority 5 – A Warm Low Carbon Home

The consultations informing this LHS priority are as follows:

A Warm Low Carbon Home	Consultations
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • External wall insulation Consultation • Stay warm at home campaign • Fuel poverty conference and workshops • Covid-19 household financial impact survey

External Wall Insulation Consultation

Residents at Raeburn Heights, Glenrothes were informed of the project through letters, leaflets, posters and an open day that took place in the block of flats. At the event residents were able to meet and discuss any issues or questions they had, with regards to the External Wall Insulation works, with the representatives from Fife Council, Contractors and Changeworks.

This project has helped inform LHS outcome 5.1 - People do not live in fuel poverty, and outcome 5.2 - People live in energy efficient homes and reduce carbon emissions.

Stay Warm at Home campaign

The campaign launched in Winter 2020 and aimed to raise awareness of help and support available to households living in fuel poverty. This was promoted in local newspapers and through social media. This campaign promotes the fundamentals of LHS outcome 5.1 – people do not live in fuel poverty.

Fuel Poverty Conference

The fuel poverty conference occurred in March 2020 where workshops took place out to promote discussion and encourage suggestions on how improvements can be made to services moving forward. The following comments were received through the workshops:

COMMENTS

'Address fuel costs'

'More awareness around future renewables'

'Emphasise energy advice is for everyone'

'Early Intervention'

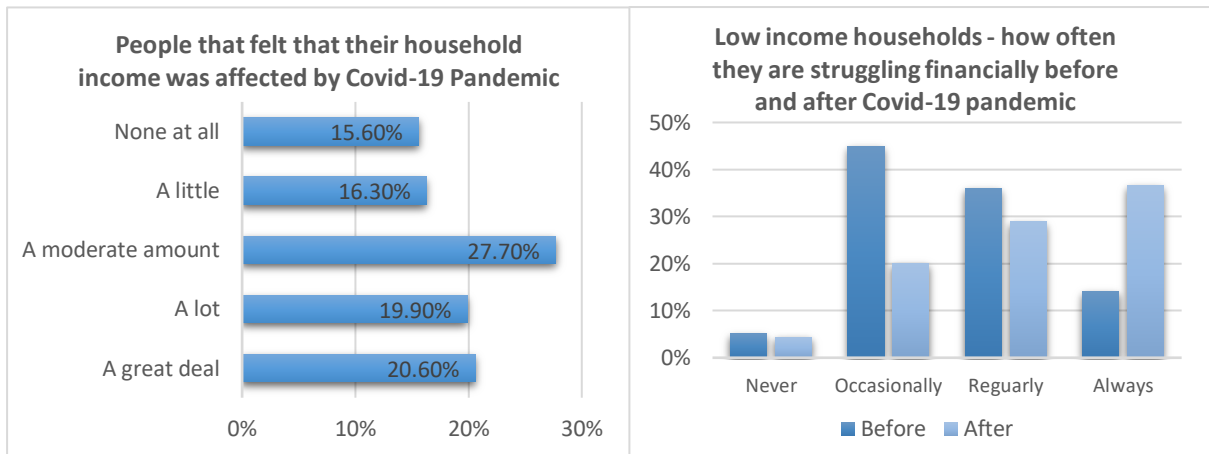
'Communicating with the general public to prepare for changes'

The feedback from this event helped inform both outcomes within 'A Warm Low Carbon Home' priority.

Covid-19 Financial Impact Survey

To gather information around the extent that households in Fife have been financially impacted, Fife Council published an online Covid-19 survey which partner organisations across Fife shared on their social media platforms. The Covid-19 survey consisted of nine questions and gathered 141 responses.

Below are some of the questions, responses and comments:



PARTICIPANT RESPONSES

'Working from home, and home schooling. Food bill has increased drastically and so has my utility bills.'

'Having children home a lot more/eating more/using more power, food etc'

'Working from home extra utility costs'

'Benefits stretched to the limit'

'Unable to find work due to childcare'

'Additional childcare fees due to schools being closed'

Many comments made reference to increasing costs of living. This has helped shaped outcome 5.1 in the LHS focusing on additional funding, awareness and the promoting of services to help assist poverty.

8.0 Local Housing Strategy Workshops

Two workshops were held during June 2022 to provide elected members, housing partners and stakeholders with an opportunity to review and validate LHS priorities, outcomes and actions. Over the two sessions over 100 members and stakeholders attended.

During the stakeholder workshop, participants were split into two breakout sessions based around people and property/place. Participants were asked review LHS actions and decide whether they were 'in scope' or 'out of scope' for the LHS outcome plan, as well as confirm anything missing which is crucial to the delivery of the intended outcome.

The comments below have helped review the outcome plan content for each priority. A full report on the workshops can be found at appendix 2a.

Ending Homelessness

The feedback from participants was positive and highlighted the significant joint working already underway. Some feedback below regarding the boldness and achievability of ending homelessness:

- *"I'm all for ending homelessness but it is more about the idea of helping a person with their situation and providing support"*
- *"I think this priority reflects what we need to achieve. It's important to remember that people will still be threatened with homelessness, but we need to find alternatives to people making a homeless application"*

More Homes in the Right Places

Stakeholders were supportive of the continued drive to increase the supply of new affordable housing. Discussions were held around the changing needs of households and potential delivery challenges in building more homes.

- *"There is a higher density of over 75s in certain areas now, but this will change over time and is not a fixed situation"*
- *"An uplift in AHP grant rates to drive enhanced standards is required. New benchmarks are simply not covering costs and targets won't be met unless this is recognised"*

A Suitable Home

Stakeholder's felt that the aspirations which underpin Priority 3 outcomes mean that partners can deliver a wide range of sustainable solutions which support independent living.

- *'We need to ensure that needs assessment processes are focused on delivering the right home for right person, offering a range of options where this may not be possible'*

- *“It may be helpful to review the wording of Outcome 3.1 as what is sustainable and realistic living choices for someone can be different to what they want and therefore the ability to deliver this outcome could be difficult”*

A Quality Home

It was agreed that delivering housing quality and improved housing conditions for people in Fife was a main housing issue which rightly forms a priority within the new LHS. Stakeholders also acknowledged that targeted action to improve housing quality was central to the LHS visions to provide ‘housing choices for people in Fife’.

- *“Housing choice improves if we ensure that homes across all tenures are in good condition”*

A Warm Low Carbon Home

Stakeholders agreed that Priority 5 was an important challenge for the LHS to tackle. There were discussions on how this could be achieved within the life of the LHS and by households themselves. It was noted that the shift towards decarbonised heating systems will require significant investment and major upgrades to the national grid.

- *“Trialling technology and testing best practice are key to delivery of ‘warm, low carbon homes”*

9.0 Formal Consultation of the LHS

The LHS public consultation was available online from 13th September to 8th November 2022. The consultation was on Fife.gov.uk, the Fife Council Consultation Diary and was promoted through social media and various partnership groups. Eleven responses were provided. Some of the key findings are provided below with the full comments and responses to each available to view in Appendix 2b.

Key findings

The LHS is fairly easy to read, and the presentation is agreeable.	More use of brownfield sites for new developments.
Incorporate zero emissions heating systems and enhanced energy-efficiency measures into developments to achieve net-zero by 2045.	More emphasis on a human rights approach with further focus on children, care leavers and pregnancy and maternity.
The overall supply of new homes projected to be delivered through the LHS is too low.	More community engagement when developing new sites to ensure tenants have the opportunity to integrate with communities.

10.0 Informal Consultation of the LHS

During summer 2023, a review was conducted on the LHS 2022-2027 by various Scottish Government policy teams, the More Homes Division and an external peer reviewer from another Scottish Local Authority to highlight areas of strength and areas for consideration before finalising the LHS. The reviewers considered the following areas to be of strength; Engagement and Consultation, Place Making and Communities, Preventing and Addressing Homelessness and Specialist Housing Provision. Some positive comments are outlined below.

COMMENTS

‘We welcome the approach taken by the council to engage widely to help the development and content of the draft LHS.’

‘The LHS provides a good explanation of the Council’s approach to supporting new and existing neighbourhoods based on Place-Making principles as well as evidence of the partnership working and local community engagement processes that are in place to help ensure the best outcomes when creating or improving places.’

‘There is a strong prevention-led approach to homelessness and the provision of services demonstrated within the LHS, with particularly good examples of Rapid Rehousing Transition Plans.’

‘We welcome the information included in the LHS setting out what the current specialist provision homes needs are and the Council’s plans for delivering more homes through the Affordable Housing Supply Programme.’

The feedback letter (Appendix 2c) contained three main areas for consideration. These are outlined in the table below alongside details of the actions progressed to improve the LHS.

Scottish Government Review Consideration	Actions
The Housing Supply Target (HST) – which should be broken down into social/affordable and market housing – should be presented as a single figure.	A Housing Supply Target evidence paper (Appendix 5) has been developed in partnership with Planning which presents a revised HST as a single figure, split into affordable and market housing.
While the LHS recognises the challenges of delivering homes in rural areas, and that the Council will aim to deliver more homes in rural areas, the Council should consider including information on how that will be achieved.	Information added on how this will be achieved including partnership working, community engagement progressed through the Rural Property & Business Association and exploring potential funding streams at a national level.
We would encourage the Council to consider including more information on partnership working with the Health & Social Care Partnership and shared strategic commitments.	Following discussion with H&SCP colleagues, further information has been incorporated into the LHS on partnership working, shared strategic commitments and the functions delegated to the Integration Authority and those remaining with the Council.

Furthermore, although it was not compulsory, all comments from the Scottish Government review were considered and addressed where it was felt necessary to strengthen the LHS overall. The full compilation of comments and actions against these, can be found at Appendix 2d.

11.0 Conclusion

All comments provided through the consultations were considered by the LHS project team and relevant priority partnership groups during the LHS development. Further information is available on request to show the feedback from each individual consultation.

The Fife Housing Partnership is very grateful to all respondents for their support in helping shape Fife’s LHS 2022-2027.

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