

Task and Finish Specification
Ensure increased supply & access to good, quality, suitable and affordable housing

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Descriptive Title	Ensure increased supply & access to good, quality, suitable and affordable housing
Statement of purpose	<p>The purpose of this project is to maximise the supply and access to housing that is of a decent standard, is affordable for local people and makes a positive contribution to the improved health & wellbeing of residents in Tamworth. The project will support the delivery of the Healthier Housing Strategy & address the following key housing challenges in Tamworth:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Households are unable to access suitable and affordable housing, particularly those who are vulnerable to ill-health (Access) 2. Poor housing conditions exist within some of the housing stock in Tamworth with a disproportionate amount of older people living in non decent and unsuitable homes (Aspects) 3. In some areas the community and neighbourhood environment is having a negative impact on quality of life (Neighbourhood) 4. Some households need support to enable them to sustain a healthy home and lifestyle (Individual Behaviour)
Background	<p>Considerable evidence exists to support the identification of the above challenges and emerging strategic approach to housing & health in Tamworth. Sources of information utilised have included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Housing Market Assessment 2007-08 • Housing & Health in Tamworth: Linking Housing Markets & Health Data study 2010 • South Staffordshire Local Investment Plan • Private Sector Stock Condition Survey 2010 • Council Stock Condition Survey 2009 • Staffordshire Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 2010 • Staffordshire Observatory data
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in the supply of flexi-care housing in Tamworth • Development and delivery of new affordable housing • Widen housing choice through further development of CBL • Undertake feasibility studies in relation to area based housing renewal • Increase the supply of good quality, rented accommodation within the existing stock
Business Case	The delivery of good quality, affordable housing has been shown to have a positive impact on health and wellbeing, aspiration and

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	<p>education, community safety, the wider physical and social environment and economic development and regeneration.</p> <p>This project will therefore directly contribute to the priorities and outcomes identified by the Tamworth Strategic Partnership as well as those identified in a range of other associated plans including the Council's Healthier Housing Strategy and the County wide health & Wellbeing Strategy.</p>
Implications for other workstreams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Links to health 'wicked issues'. • Links to BEP, new opportunities for developments and additional jobs • Wide cross cutting impact in relation to community safety, regeneration, educational attainment & health & wellbeing etc. as well as delivering against national policy initiatives such as localism, planning reform, health service reform etc. • Links to delivery of LDF / Core Strategy, Economic Strategy, Climate Change Strategy & County Health & Wellbeing Strategy
Measures of Success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear plans in place to increase the supply of flexi-care housing • Opportunities for the development of affordable housing are maximised & taken forward in the next 12 months • CBL scheme further developed to incorporate private rented housing • Appraisal of options & proposals in place in relation to area based housing renewal as identified in the Local Investment Plan • Work with PS landlords is developed, empty properties are brought back into use and the PSL scheme is expanded
Sponsor/ Champion on TSP Mandate	<p>Tony Goodwin</p> <p>Tamworth Strategic Partnership Board</p>
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