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Outcomes

That Neighbourhoods are clean, safe and free from crime

Communities to help shape local services

Citizens have choice and equality of access

Our Neighbourhoods are places to be proud of



Key Areas of Responsibility

- **Housing Strategy and affordability**
- **Housing Management**
- **Housing Repairs and Maintenance**
- **Affordable warmth initiatives**
- **Area Assemblies and Neighbourhood Development and Management**
- **Grounds maintenance within housing areas**
- **Community Safety and Crime Reduction strategy**
- **Lead member for Housing Adaptations**



Last 12 Months

- Delivered £6.6m of external funded regeneration projects
- Commenced building 127 new Council houses
- 11.2% reduction in crime and 7% reduction in Anti-social behaviour (2,700 less victims)
- Reduction in perception of crime and anti-social behaviour
- 249 new affordable homes completed
- 208 empty properties back into use.
- Completed Decent Homes programme
- Successful bid to build 5 more council houses
- Prevented 432 households from becoming homeless
- Externalisation of the repairs and maintenance service
- 58 new TSA standards 'local offers' agreed with tenants
- Supported 40% more high risk victims of domestic abuse
- Focused intervention in 'crisis' communities eg Eastwood
- Reduced the budget deficit through reshaping the sheltered housing warden and care enabler services

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Challenges

- Deal with the significant budget and service reductions - Neighbourhood Wardens, Neighbourhood Partnerships, Food Services, Trading Standards, Envirocrime and enforcement
- Reintegration of Housing Management Services
- Increased demand on housing advice and homelessness prevention services
- Integration of housing management services and raising standards
- Public funding cuts and economic uncertainties around housing and regeneration initiatives



Corporate Plan

- **Helping to create safe and healthy communities.**
- **Improving the Environment**
- **Making sure no community is left behind**

Key Objectives

- We will
 - improve the perceptions of ASB in our communities.
 - respond quicker to community protection concerns.
 - start the construction at Bellows Road, Rawmarsh.
 - improve private sector housing standards
 - develop a new 10, 20, 30 year Housing Investment Plan
 - complete the construction of 132 new Council homes
 - sell two key development sites to private house builders
 - deliver 161 new affordable homes.
 - make better use of existing funding for Adaptations.

Key Objectives

- **We will**
 - improve the response & quality of repairs service.
 - tackle heating/insulation problems of low-income households
 - improve the CBL system to handle 100,000 bids per year
 - prevent 500 Rotherham households from becoming homeless.
 - reduce under occupation of family council housing by 200
 - improve the turnaround of void properties
 - tackle and eradicate rough sleeping in Rotherham
 - improve the allocation of housing
 - ensure 200 households obtain a private sector tenancy
 - Increase council housing, affordable and private sector housing bringing back into use empty stock.
 - reduce wasted adaptations and ensure stock is utilised

Key Objectives

- **We will**
 - Reduce the time Empty council houses are void
 - Deliver an effective repairs and maintenance service for council tenants
 - We will provide support and stewardship of local communities and increase civic participation
 - We will Identify local needs and aspirations to deliver integrated services and area improvements in partnership
 - Apply a flexible approach to grass-cutting frequencies
 - Identify sites of low benefit for disposal (ground maintenance)
 - Integration of Grounds and Green spaces to deliver operational efficiencies

Key Future Developments

- Deliver budget savings and refocus service delivery to targeted areas
- Raising standards in housing management services
- Complete build of new council housing
- Improve access to the choice based lettings scheme
- Stimulate new build developments in Rotherham by exploring new building methods
- Strengthen the community partnership role

