

Lambeth Housing Partnership

Annual Review 2022–23



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Lambeth Housing Partnership Members



Foreword by Cllr Tim Windle

Welcome to our second annual review, which reports on the progress of our strategic partnership between Lambeth Council and Registered Providers (RPs). This review reflects on the progress we have made in working with RPs to support the delivery of the borough plan through our steering group and main workstreams.

Foreword from Chair of Lambeth Housing Partnership Steering Group

"In my time working on housing policy over the last year and as Interim Cabinet Member for Better Homes and Reducing Homelessness, I have been hugely impressed by the work for the Lambeth Housing Partnership. The collaboration it fosters between the Council, housing associations and other partners is invaluable for sharing lessons, delivering the Lambeth Borough Plan and improving the lives of all residents in the borough.

In particular, the work of the three housing workstreams contributes not only to sharing ideas and best practice but influencing and improving strategic approaches and service delivery in so many ways. The Housing Growth workstream has helped Lambeth to learn from the experiences of registered providers in delivering affordable housing and regenerating estates as Lambeth considers how it can best deliver more high-quality and affordable homes. The Neighbourhood and Community Safety workstream's collaborative approach to violence reduction and addressing anti-social behaviour takes an importance place-based approach that is already realising benefits. The Health and Resilience in Housing Workstream has had an important role to play in sharing approaches to cost of living support and targeted activities to improve health and wellbeing in an increasingly challenging world.

I look forward to seeing the work that the Lambeth Housing Partnership will take forward in 2023-24 and I sincerely hope that this important group will continue to go from strength to strength. "



Cllr Tim Windle
Interim Cabinet
Member for Better
Homes and Reducing
Homelessness

Foreword from LHP Chairs

Foreword from Chair of Health and Resilience in Housing Workstream

"Welcome to this important annual review that showcases work achieved by the Health and Resilience in Housing Workstream in 22-23. This workstream focuses on the opportunities to collaborate to meet housing and health needs in the borough. This group has matured into an effective partnership that includes RPs, Public Health, Housing and community health representation. We are focusing on areas where we can be stronger and more efficient by working as a partnership, breaking down organisational silos to meet the specific and sometimes multi-layered needs of our residents.

Our RP partners are delivering services in the heart of Lambeth communities, shaped by the needs and preferences of residents. These are funded by Public Health, addressing local health priorities and targeting health inequalities. These projects are shaping an ambitious programme of projects that will bring together community spaces with local statutory and voluntary sector organisations. While we celebrate our achievements so far, we recognise that there is much to do and we will continue to be led by the needs of our residents as we seek to make the best of our local presence"



Claire Wise
Health and Resilience
Workstream Chair
MTVH

Foreword from Chair of Neighbourhood and Community Safety Workstream

"As the Chair of this important workstream, we have collaborated with the Council and our RP partners to explore four key areas: reducing place-centric violence affecting young people, addressing climate change initiatives in our properties, managing our neighbourhood estates, and improving our collective approach to resident engagement, amplifying the voices of those who are typically unheard, particularly in response to the government's social white paper.

Our approach is one of continual progress and review. We meet regularly to discuss our successes and challenges in these key areas. We ask ourselves the tough questions: what's working well, and what requires a change in our approach? All of our partners offer something different to this workstream and it has been important that their views and experiences are captured to inform our partnership approach.

Looking to the future, it's clear our portfolio is diverse and we want to enable every member of the partnership to contribute their expertise and focus our collaborative work on joint aspirations. We are enthusiastic about embracing the new borough plan introduced by the Council, and believe it will strengthen our collective impact to improve the lives of residents in Lambeth.

We present this review and welcome your feedback on how you can contribute to further its development"



Sarah Willis
Neighbourhoods and
Community Safety
Workstream Chair
MTVH

Introduction

Working in Partnership with Registered Providers

Lambeth has been collaborating with registered providers through this partnership since 2020 and has made significant progress towards achieving our shared objectives. The collective impact we have achieved through this collaboration far surpasses what we could have achieved working independently. The focus has been on putting residents at the centre of our activities while also incorporating key priorities from the borough plan into partnership workstreams and action plans.

As non-profit social landlords, RPs play an important role in providing homes in Lambeth. One-third of Lambeth households live in social rented housing, which is roughly divided between RPs and council-owned properties. We have worked closely with ten of our largest RPs on various strategic programmes over the last two years to ensure that all residents benefit from the borough plan.

It's important to note that the partnership does not intend to replace existing operational relationships built by our colleagues and partners. Instead, it creates a forum where we can channel our priorities more effectively, resulting in stronger relationships, enhanced collaboration, and improved communication. RPs that are members of LHP have demonstrated their commitment to the wellbeing of their residents, particularly during the cost of living crisis.

LHP is governed by a main steering group, which meets quarterly and is chaired by the Cabinet Member for Better Homes and Reducing Homelessness. This group is attended by senior RP representatives and the Council. Progress updates on the workstreams are provided by the LHP chairs. It is important to highlight that LHP consists of three workstreams. However, during a significant portion of 2022-23, the Housing Growth workstream was put on hold. This pause was necessary as we conducted an independent review of affordable housing in Lambeth. RPs are keen with us to develop and achieve our housing development ambitions.

The Lambeth Housing Partnership has made progress since the last annual review and will provide an overview of the following areas:

1. **Key Achievements 22-23**
2. **Our key partnership principles**
3. **Health and Resilience in Housing Workstream**
4. **Neighbourhoods and Community Safety Workstream**
5. **Wider partnership initiatives**
6. **Future priorities for 23-24**

This review serves as a demonstration of our commitment to creating positive change that can build strong, collaborative partnerships to address some of the challenges we face as a borough.

Our Key Partnership Principles

The Lambeth Housing Partnership collaborates with Registered Providers (RPs) to achieve the borough plan and adheres to these key principles across all our workstreams



Our Key Principles for Partnership Working includes:

- **Developing** the partnership work plan across all of our workstreams and the key strategies in support of our borough plan
- **Sharing intelligence, insights and skills** to deliver greater outcomes in support of the borough plan and LHP
- **Resident Focused Outcomes** spending decisions that are evidenced based & focused to deliver real improvements to residents and communities
- **Reduce inequality, support vulnerable people and prevent homelessness by** collaborating to deliver services and programme interventions
- **Improving service outcomes and value for money** by seeking the best ways to deliver services for residents
- **Making Lambeth a Safer Place** – Collaborating to make Lambeth a safer place by reducing violence in all forms, making community spaces, places people can enjoy
- **Enhancing Community Resources** – Shared desire in conserving and enhancing community resources so that quality of life is increased without compromising the environment
- **Creating Opportunities for Training & Employment** – Working together to create opportunities for training and employment to reduce inequality of access
- **Increasing affordable homes** across Lambeth
- **Removing barriers** and addressing inequalities for homes of all tenures



Health and Resilience in Housing Workstream

Throughout 2022-23, the Health and Resilience in Housing workstream has facilitated cross-collaborations among community investment, tenancy sustainment, housing needs, and public health partners to develop collaborative solutions for our residents who are most impacted by housing and health inequalities. Numerous initiatives and partnership activities have been launched to support residents and our key achievements include;

- Successfully implementing a comprehensive awareness campaign in collaboration with RP partners to address the cost of living crisis affecting social housing residents through partnership meetings, forums, and panel events, which has contributed to a supportive framework for those adversely impacted by rising living costs.
- Successfully strengthening our collaborative partnerships with nine RP partners, which has led to improved support for domestic abuse victims to maintain their social housing and;
- Successfully initiating a men's mental health pilot across two RP partners, using Lambeth Public Health funding, to support over 50 men from underrepresented communities and reduce the risk of suicide

Supporting residents impacted by the cost of living crisis

Helping residents in need during the cost of living

Housing costs within the social housing sector often place a significant burden on residents on low income. Additionally, the rise in energy costs have further put a strain on many families across the UK. As part of this workstream, our objective is to ensure consistent support for RP residents facing financial hardships, while also sharing information about available resources such as financial grants, energy saving advice and crisis support to ensure that all residents (including RP residents) can access the support they need..

Throughout the 2022-23 period we accomplished the following:

- Shared information on the support provided to residents through partnership meetings, forums and panel events. These initiatives included collaborations with partners from housing needs, economic resilience, public health, employment, community investment and other charitable organisations such as healthy living platform.
- Ensured that vulnerable RP residents on low income received their full housing benefit entitlement towards their housing costs and preventing evictions through Lambeth's Bridging the Gap project partnership with RPs
- Collected information on the rent ceiling that RPs plan to implement, to prevent the adverse impact resulting from rent increases on residents

Bridging the Financial Gap in Housing Costs Case Study

Lambeth's Tenancy Sustainment and Support Team partnered with several RPs on the partnership to address the discrepancy between rent charged and gaps in housing benefit payments resulting in around £92k of backdated housing benefit.

Gaps in housing benefit entitlement is a prevalent problem that affects vulnerable tenants and puts them under significant financial strain resulting in rent arrears for many tenants.

Utilising Lambeth's Housing Benefit Liaison Officer and in partnership with several RPs responsible for income collection, partners managed to secure backdated payments towards RP resident rent accounts with significant arrears.

This accomplishment not only resolved existing rent arrears but also cancelled looming court actions, therefore preventing potential evictions.

Importantly, this intervention provided financial relief to burdened households, mitigating the impact of the cost of living crisis and providing a lifeline to vulnerable individuals and families at risk of homelessness.

This is a great example of how partners can come together to make a positive difference in residents lives.



Strengthening partnership approach to domestic abuse

Strengthening our Partnership Approach to Support Victims and Survivors of Domestic Abuse

Lambeth Council is deeply committed to supporting victims and survivors of domestic abuse through our Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) strategy.

Domestic abuse stands as one of the primary causes of homelessness among women and acts as a significant barrier for those seeking to leave their abusers.

Over the past two years, our focus within this workstream has been on establishing a coordinated approach with RPs to support survivors and victims of domestic abuse. Our goal is to ensure that victims receive the necessary stability and security to protect their social housing tenancies, even if they need to relocate.

The Gaia Centre funded by Lambeth Council offers a 'single point of access' for women, girls and men experiencing violence and abuse. This means that anybody experiencing any form of gender-based violence in Lambeth can find all the tailored support they need under one roof.

Our objective through this workstream is to fully integrate our RPs into our approach and enhance their capacity to respond effectively by sharing best practices, knowledge, and resources.

Building Relationships with RPs to improve approach to support victims and survivors of domestic abuse

Over the past year, there has been significant progress in improving the partnership approach to supporting victims and survivors of domestic abuse in the Lambeth

The Gaia Centre has commissioned two roles within their services to specifically address and improve responses to housing needs: the Housing Independent Gender Violence Advocate (IGVA) and the Sanctuary Scheme worker. These roles aim to enhance referral mechanisms with RPs, enabling victims and survivors to securely remain in their homes.

The housing IGVA has worked closely with 9 RPs on the Lambeth Housing Partnership (LHP) on an individual basis. The objective was to develop and map out current processes for responding to domestic abuse, as well as implement strategies to improve the uptake and support available to victims and survivors. This has resulted in several positive outcomes, including:

- The provision of policies and procedures in response to domestic abuse
- Booking staff for domestic abuse training to enhance awareness within the whole team and introducing Gaia to their organisation
- Increased referrals to Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC)
- Exploring current initiatives RPs have in place to respond to DA such as their own sanctuary schemes
- Improved access to ongoing support and assistance

However, there are still challenges that need to be addressed. One challenge involves finding sufficient permanent housing options for victims and survivors. Additionally, reconciling the varied approaches to responding to domestic abuse from different RPs in the partnership is another issue that requires attention. Ongoing efforts are being made to tackle these remaining challenges and further improve the approach



Working with Communities to Improve Men's Mental Health

Working with Communities to improve men's mental health

Evidence shows that Black men are far more likely than others to be diagnosed with severe mental health problems, far less likely to reach for help and are also far more likely to be sectioned under the Mental Health Act. They are also less likely to approach mainstream services to get support.

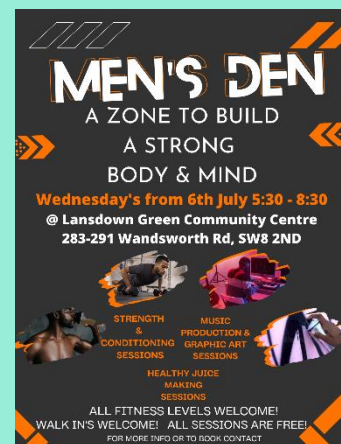
Funding provided by Lambeth's Public Health team has allowed Metropolitan Thames Valley Housing (MTVH) and Southern Housing (formerly Optivo) to develop projects directed at improving men's mental health outcomes, particularly within the black community who historically have not engaged with these services.

Southern Housing Men's Den Case Study

Southern Housing's Men's Den project, was designed to listen to men in Lambeth about barriers to accessing mental wellbeing support and to ideas around how to overcome these. It was open to men 18+.

The project sought to create an environment that facilitated dialogue about mental wellbeing with men, particularly from ethnic minorities where there may still be a lot of stigma around accessing mental wellbeing support. Southern Housing chose to work with the award winning Jimmy Asher Foundation who have experience in successfully engaging men, supporting them manage mental wellness, creating spaces to talk and destigmatise mental health to deliver the sessions.

Each session will start with the course facilitators opening a dialogue with participants on mental health, strategies coping mechanisms, changing mindsets. The project was a success we engaged with 11 men over the course of the 6-week project. Outcomes from the participants included feeling more confident, less isolated and learning a new skill.



Metropolitan Thames Valley Housing – Men's Wellbeing Project

MTVH's Clapham Park Men's Wellbeing pilot programme engaged with around 40 men and conducted 24 sessions, which is a record engagement for this section of the community, a group with the lowest rates of access to mental health care.

MTVH partnered with Fight4Change who delivered counselling, facilitated dialogue on some difficult topics such as suicide and delivered boxing sessions. They also engaged a local provider for grooming sessions and this attracted a diverse group of men across different age groups which has led to the group being a healthy mix of younger and older men, each learning from each other.

Following the pilot, five men are training to become peer mentors and mental health first responders to serve as community resources. The funding has been extended for another year, allowing these projects to continue and new ones to begin with other potential RP partners.



Challenges, Opportunities and Next Steps 2023–24

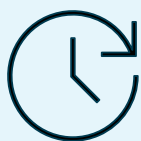
In this section, we focus on the challenges encountered on this workstream, the opportunities taken and our future course of action.

Challenges faced in the workstream



- **The cost of living crisis** had presented a significant challenge for both residents and registered providers which required an adaptive and flexible approach to ensure substantial support for residents during a period of uncertainty. Lambeth's cost of living programme resulted in the workstream focusing support on residents' health to prevent duplication with wider initiatives.
- **Some RPs had limited capacity to take on joint projects** when funding opportunities arose due to resource and time constraints. There had been a risk of missed opportunities for potential collaborations if RPs lacked the capacity to engage in joint projects..
- **Reduced RP representation in the workstream**, which may have resulted from the broad range of topics covered. Not effectively engaging the right individuals in meetings could have led to missed opportunities for support and a lack of diverse perspectives in the workstream, however RPs demonstrated their support for residents in wider initiatives such as the G15 and RP forums for councillors.

Opportunities and Next Steps 2023–24



We have sought to address these challenges and have assessed opportunities for 2023–24

- Support Lambeth's new Borough Plan theme 'Neighbourhoods Fit for the Future' and the golden thread theme of 'Equity and Justice'.
- Increase awareness of Lambeth's ongoing Cost of Living Programme for RP residents.
- Shift the workstream's focus towards health-focused initiatives. Aligning with Lambeth's new Health and Wellbeing Strategy to support its delivery and building capacity to collaborate on joint projects with other RPs, such as St Martin's in order to expand impact.
- Collaborating closely with Lambeth's Public Health, Neighbourhood Wellbeing Delivery Alliance and community based RPs to co-host events and initiatives within the community.
- Broaden representation on the workstream to involve a diverse range of RPs to ensure diverse perspectives are considered and a needs-led approach.
- Collaborate with other organisations such as Macmillan Cancer Support to improve cancer detection outcomes in Black, Asian and multi-ethnic communities.



Neighbourhoods and Community Safety Workstream

This workstream involves RP and Council leads that are responsible for neighbourhoods, community safety, public protection and resident engagement. During 2022-23, the workstream focused on working with partners in the following areas:

- Strengthening our collaborative approach to neighbourhoods and estate management
- Improving our collaborative approach to reducing place-centric violence and supporting victims
- Increasing inclusivity by ensuring that a diverse range of stakeholders are involved and are able to contribute to key issues affecting them

Working together to improve neighbourhoods

Collaborative approach to neighbourhoods and estate management

Through this workstream we have continued to utilise regular partnership meetings as an interactive platform to discuss significant updates, celebrate shared successes as well as challenges faced on Lambeth estates and how we can collectively work together to address these challenges.

Throughout 2022–23, key achievements include:

- Sharing updates on successes and challenges in managing neighbourhoods and estates through regular partnership meetings
- Addressing damp and mould – All RPs has addressed the issues through a forum regarding damp and mould which directly impacts on the health of residents.
- Update on initiatives to do with climate action on estates especially in locations with St Martin's Estate that is managed by three RPs
- Strengthening our relationships with colleagues and partners by expanding our partnership contact book directory by 30%. This expansion enables us to respond more effectively to critical incidents and address anti-social behaviour (ASB) on estates more efficiently.

Improving communication between partners to resolve issues

Living in a borough with multiple landlords can present various challenges for a resident and the stakeholders that represent the resident such as councillors. In response, partners collaborated to create a contact book directory, which lists key personnel such as Council leads and RP leads for departments such as neighbourhoods, estates, repairs, ASB and resident engagement.

The development of the contact book has produced positive results, leading to the following improvements:

- **Improved communication** – the directory enables partners to easily identify the appropriate contact person for various issues. This has helped to streamline communication, reduce delays and provide clarity on how partners can escalate complaints to the correct channels.
- **Faster resolution to issues** – for example, when faced with a community trigger involving ASB issues, the Council, police and RPs can collaborate efficiently, working towards a mutually agreed outcome to address the problem promptly.
- **Enhanced collaboration** – the directory has promoted greater collaboration among partners from different departments, where various departments may want to actively involve RPs in initiatives and launch events.

Working together to make Lambeth Safer

Reducing Place-Centric Violence Affecting Young People and Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

Lambeth is ranked amongst the top for weapon related offences, in particular knife possession and knife injury where the victim is under 24. The Lambeth Made Safer for young people strategy governs our multi agency partnership to preventing violence against young people.

Improving community safety requires a strong partnership approach that involves all stakeholders and is a key priority for Lambeth especially with the increasing violent incidents. In this workstream, we have incorporated RPs into our overall strategic approach to reduce violence affecting young people

During 2022-23 key achievements include:

- RPs actively sharing information during partnership meetings about the initiatives they are implementing to reduce place centric violence and ASB on estates
- Working closely with public protection in reducing access to weapons to prevent acts of violence especially around estates owned by RPs
- Sharing intelligence with RPs about high harm gangs operating around Lambeth via Lambeth's Community Safety and Resilience team, as well as providing information on critical incidents that have occurred in the borough.
- RPs being involved in a wider program to tackle the root causes of violence affecting young people in the borough. Lambeth has been identified as a priority borough via the Mayor's Violence Reduction Unit (VRU), which includes funding programmes for young people such as MyEnds.

Working in partnership with RPs, Public Protection and the Police to reduce violence - Case Study

RPs have established strong partnerships with Lambeth's Public Protection Team and the Police. A good example of this effective collaboration is evident through Hyde's ASB Team (illustrated in the photo). The Head of Public Protection chairs monthly MARAC meetings, where Hyde, along with other RPs, consistently attends, developing a collective approach to address complex cases. Additionally, Hyde has closely collaborated with the team to successfully resolve a potential incident.



"A resident in Brixton requested permission to hold a party in a communal garden, but their mention of involving licensed security raised concerns about the event's scale. Permission was denied due to suspicions that the actual number of guests would exceed the stated limit of 15. Additionally, a social media article publicising the event was discovered. Previous noisy events in the area, including a music event shut down by the police, added to the apprehension. It was believed that gang members who had caused a riot at a previous block party would attend. To address the situation, we collaborated with the Police and the Public Protection Unit, resulting in tactical recommendations and coordinated actions. A joint visit helped prevent the situation from escalating further." ASB Officer - Hyde

Understanding how residents are engaged and involved

The Social Housing White Paper presented a charter outlining seven commitments that residents should expect from their landlords. One of the key measures is the right 'to have your voice heard by your landlord.' As part of our workstream, we have been engaging with RPs to understand how they listen to their residents and ensure that their voice is heard by their landlord.

RPs approach to engaging with their residents workshop

In November 2022, an in-person workshop was organised to explore the ways in which RPs interacted and engaged with their residents. The primary objective of the workshop was to examine the engagement methods employed by the RPs and assess the feasibility of arranging an additional resident panel in response to councillors' needs.

An in-depth discussion was held with the RPs, capturing insights from both the RPs and the Council, regarding the activities taking place in the borough. The purpose of this discussion was to gain an understanding of the various ways in which RPs were connecting with residents, taking note of both common and unique aspects of each approach.

During the workshop, it became evident that RPs had well-established systems in place to maintain regular dialogue with residents. These interactions occurred at multiple levels, ensuring the inclusion of a variety of perspectives.

An interesting observation was the diversity in specific engagement methods across different organisations. Each RP was found to have a tailored approach designed to address the unique needs of its community, indicating a wide array of engagement strategies in use.

A further discussion was held to explore how all the activities taking place in the borough could be effectively captured to inform stakeholders, such as councillors, and assure them that residents' voices were being heard.

A key objective for the workstream in 2023-24 is to ensure that stakeholders, including councillors, are kept informed of opportunities to involve and engage residents.



Challenges, Opportunities and Next Steps 2023–24

We are working closely in partnership to support Lambeth's refreshed new borough plan – “Our Future, Our Lambeth”, making Lambeth one of the safest boroughs in London and implementing the golden thread of equity and justice throughout all workstream activities

Challenges



- **Restructures and mergers** across various RPs that may impact service delivery in the short term
- **Increased violence and ASB in the borough** – Violence and ASB remains a key risk in the borough. A strong partnership approach is required to continue to prevent violent incidents in our neighbourhoods before they occur to ensure the safety of our residents

Opportunities and Next Steps 2023 –24



We have sought to address these challenges and have assessed opportunities.

- Continue to strengthen existing connections and partnerships formed to improve community safety in Lambeth such as Safer Lambeth Partnership, Housing Association Youth Network (HAYN)
- Continue to work in partnership with estates owned by RPs to reduce access to weapons
- Place based work to focus on key localities where there are hot spots of violence
- Identifying key Community Safety and ASB leads and working together to reduce the level of ASB and crime within the borough
- Increasing inclusivity by ensuring that a diverse range of stakeholders are involved and able to contribute to key issues affecting them

Wider Partnership Work 2022–23

This section looks at how we work together with various partners and groups to further improve the work that we do with RPs

G15 – Group of London’s Leading Housing Associations

The G15 is an organisation of the largest housing associations in and around Greater London and are collectively responsible for managing 600,000 homes. Within this partnership, eight out of our ten members on the Lambeth Housing Partnership are also members of the G15.

Lambeth Councillors Event

LHP has worked in partnership with the G15 to deliver an in person event in June 2022 in Clapham where councillors were able to meet RPs to discuss joint working and how we can continue to improve services for local people.

G15 Cost of Living Panel Event

In Feb 2023, the G15 hosted a panel event in Stockwell to discuss how anchor institutions can work better together to support residents during the cost of living crisis which featured the leader of the Council, and CEO of Hyde and MTVH.



Registered Provider Q&A Forums for councillors

How RPs are supporting residents during the cost of living

A virtual Registered Provider (Q&A) Forum for councillors was held in November 2022. councillors were able to ask RPs questions about issues that were most important to them. RPs provided an overview of initiatives that they were offering to their residents to help them cope with the cost of living crisis.

How RPs are addressing damp and mould in RP Homes

Following the tragic passing of two-year-old Awaab Ishak due to exposure to damp and mould in Rochdale, Registered Providers (RPs) were requested to outline their efforts in prioritising and tackling damp and mould issues in Lambeth in November 2022. RPs submitted summaries of their action plans, which were then shared with the Cabinet Member for Better Homes and Reducing Homelessness to assure that proactive measures were being taken.

Following these initial responses, a virtual RP (Q&A) forum for councillors on damp and mould was held in Apr 2023. RPs provided updates on progress made since the submission of summary responses, highlighting challenges encountered and approaches used to address them. Collectively, RPs agreed that residents should not be held responsible for these cases, emphasising the importance of a compassionate approach.

Wider Partnership Work 2022–23

Exploring opportunities for development – Housing Growth

Collaboration with RP partners to explore opportunities for housing development has been an important aspect of the partnership for Lambeth Council.

In 2022 Lambeth Council commissioned an independent review to identify ways in which the Council and its partners can deliver more high-quality and affordable homes faster, whilst also managing the costs of transitioning to a net-zero borough.

The independent review involved consultations with RP partners, who provided valuable insights into how Lambeth Council could tackle this challenge. The Housing Growth workstream was put on hold for of 2022–23 to allow for the implementation of the agreed recommendations.



Building and Fire Safety

RPs have discussed their approaches to ensuring building and fire safety in their homes via the steering group chaired by the Cabinet Member for Better Homes and Reducing Homelessness. Some RPs have explained various strategies and approaches they employ to ensure safety of their residents, including:

- Ensuring increased oversight by conducting in-house fire safety checks
- Inspecting fire doors and tailoring strategy for each building and participating in G15 fire safety group
- Investing in Building Safety Teams
- Prioritising transparency and communication with residents to keep them informed about building safety

Climate Partnership Group

The Climate Partnership Group has been launched by Lambeth to help deliver the Climate Action Plan. Hyde and Metropolitan Thames Valley Housing (MTVH) are among the organisations that are part of the group.

The partnership involves eleven organisations to collaborate with climate experts, as well as community groups to implement the plan across adaptation, buildings, energy, transport, waste consumption, food, bio diversity and environmental quality.



Future Priorities 2023–24

With the launch of the new Borough Plan, LHP has been working closely with RP partners to develop activities and areas of focus for 2023–24 work-plan across two workstreams which has been each tailored to address specific objectives.

While the objectives for each workstream have been established, the programme of activities is still undergoing fine-tuning in order to seamlessly align with Lambeth's overarching strategic programme and working with the relevant partners across the Council to achieve this. The key borough plan objectives that LHP will focus on are indicated below

Key Priorities for 2023–24



1. Support Lambeth's New Borough Plan Objectives and implementing this across all workstreams
2. Develop a coordinated and collaborative approach between LBL and registered providers to improve the health and wellbeing outcomes of Lambeth residents who experience multiple health inequalities
3. Strengthen partnerships between LBL and RPs to reduce place-based violence against young people and ASB through joint initiatives, resource sharing and a shared commitment to making Lambeth one of the safest boroughs in London



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