

Overview and Scrutiny Committee 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Scoping a new Housing Strategy for Gloucester

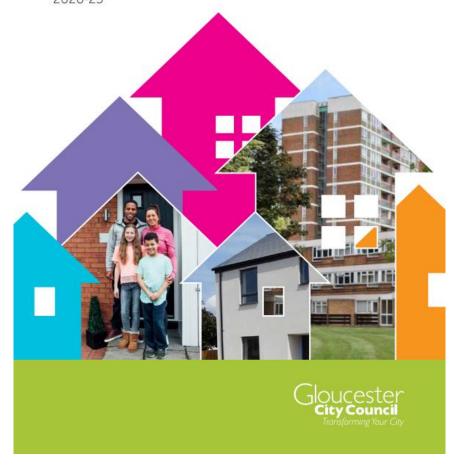
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The current Housing, Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy was adopted in 2020 and expires in 2025



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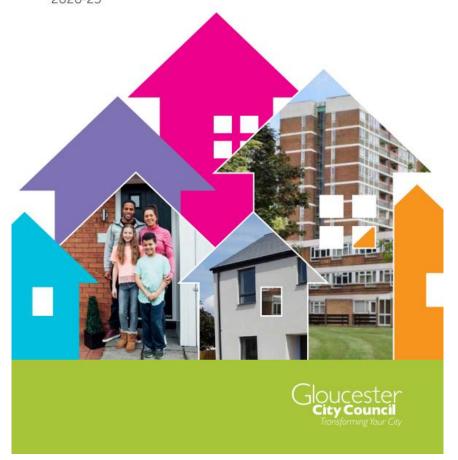




# The strategy sets out three key priorities:

- Increasing supply
- Making best use of existing stock
- Reducing homelessness and rough sleeping

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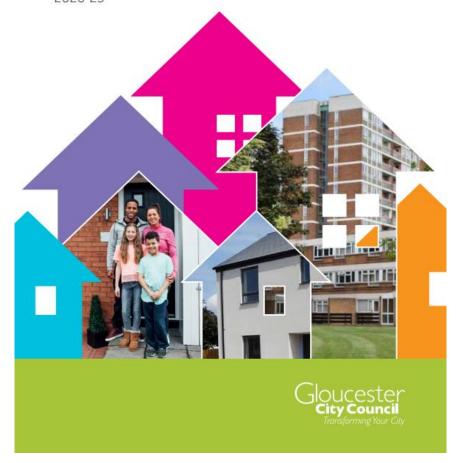




#### And four cross-cutting themes

- Partnership working
- Focussing on health and wellbeing
- Responding to climate emergency
- Promoting good design and high standards

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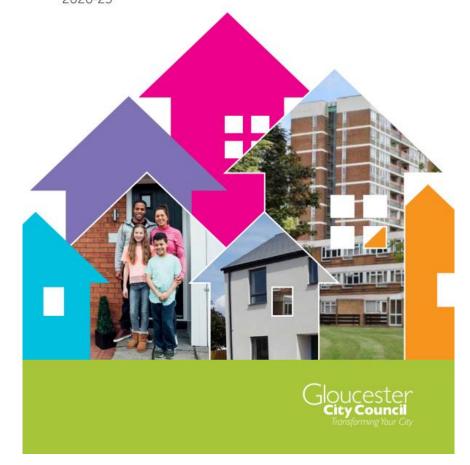




# And we have delivered these key outcomes:

- Worked with registered providers to deliver an average of 230 affordable homes each year
- Prevented over 1,000 households from becoming homeless
- Improved over 800 dwellings in the private rented sector

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#### What next?

It is now time for the Council to start work on our next Housing Strategy for adoption in 2025:

- The first step is to seek the views of Overview and Scrutiny Committee to help scope this work
- Officers will use these views to prepare a draft strategy
- Residents and stakeholders will be consulted on the draft strategy
- Aim for adoption of the new strategy in spring/summer 2025



### Thoughts for discussion?

Has the housing climate changed since 2020?

- What would you want to see highlighted now?
- Should our priorities change?
- Do our current priorities remain valid today?
- Do we need to focus on fewer or more priorities?



#### What timeframe?

#### Our current Strategy covers a five-year period:

- Is there any sense in setting a shorter or longer strategic period?
- Does a five-year strategy give us sufficient time to maximise impact and effect change?
- If a shorter or longer strategic period is appropriate, how long?
- Could we align the life of the strategy with other corporate strategies?



### Setting objectives

Our current Strategy sets both strategic aims and short-term actions to be delivered:

- Does this approach work?
- Is there a conflict between the short-term actions and broader priorities?
- Would a high-level strategic document with an annual action plan enable clearer monitoring?



### Monitoring outcomes?

We currently report on performance against the strategy annually:

- Does this feel appropriate?
- Are there alternative approaches we could consider?
- How can performance reporting best be represented to communicate our outcomes?



